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Tory plan to end rates, peg mortgage interest and subsidize home buying

rs Margaret Thatcher yesterday mounced Conservative plans to olish the rating system. hold wn mortgage interest to 9½ per nt. and give first-time house- yers £1 for every £2 they save wards a deposit.

r Crosland. Secretary of State for the Environment, dismissed the proposals as "midsummer madness". He said they would cost the equivalent of 5p on income tax. "I am not prepared to try to outbid Mrs Thatcher in irresponsible promises", he said. Two years of national austerity lay ahead.

Priority aim for housing needs

Christopher Warman
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ie Conservative Party an- ced radical proposals erday to abolish the house- rating system, peg mort- interest at 9½ per cent and first-time buyers with the sit.

is package of policies, ing an extension of Con- tive measures on housing reversal of their previous ides on rates, was pro- d at a press conference in on by Mrs Margaret her, shadow Secretary of for the Environment.

fore the Conservatives' to abolish the rating m is accomplished, they d to help ratepayers by ferring to central govern- the cost of teachers' es and part of the cost of olice and fire services.

Thatcher emphasized the party would give top ty to housing needs. At ot 51 per cent of houses owner-occupied. Many people would like to own homes, "and it is our pur- o enable them to do so", id.

interest rate charged to buyers by building es would be kept down to ore than 9½ per cent by g the "composite" rate payable by the societies, ng them to continue offer- e market rate of interest ers.

is we hope will give con- to the building industry young home-buyers to in the future with some ity", Mrs Thatcher said. r the *first time they will e to look forward to pay- maximum interest, knowing they will not have any more to pay.*"

The Conservatives have also decided to set up a one-year inquiry into the liquidity and reserve ratios of building societies, the legal restrictions on them and the possibility of widening their powers.

Mrs Thatcher said that first-time buyers of private houses and flats would be given help with their deposits. People finding it difficult to buy a house on a mortgage as a multiple of their salary would be encouraged to practise "regular thrift and saving" to qualify for a government grant.

A home savings grant scheme, taking at least two years to mature so that builders had enough time to increase the *supply of houses for purchase*, would be introduced. By saving up to a maximum of £5 a week, people under government-approved schemes would qualify for a grant of £1 for each £2 saved, to go towards the deposit.

Mrs Thatcher: New plans for rates and mortgages.

Council tenants of at least three years' standing would get the right to buy their homes at a third below market value. In the event of resale the appropriate proportion of any capital gain would have to be given to the local authority.

A man buying his council house, valued at £6,000, for £4,000 would find the weekly payments of about £7 a week (over 25 years on an option mortgage) more expensive than rent. "But the occupier will be purchasing an asset, while his neighbour who is renting has to pay rent which would probably increase for the rest of his life."

Opposing municipalization, Mrs Thatcher said a new council house might cost £20,000; large public subsidies were needed because the fair rent might be only a fifth of the cost rent.

"We take the view that it is better to help people towards independence as home-owners than to pay continuous subsidies for them to remain tenants of local authorities."

On rates, Mrs Thatcher said the system was under heavy attack. Largely because of inflation, it was unlikely to survive the next few years.

Accordingly, the Conservative Party announced that it would transfer to central government the cost of teachers' salaries up to a specified number of teachers for each local education authority. Teachers' salaries account for more than

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'Midsummer madness'—Crosland

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rosland, in attacking the ative plans, almost (if be forgiven the phrase) foot in it when he said: rush them out just a few before. . . . Well, you "

in six hours of the proposals being announced Mr Crosland was telling a press conference that "Mrs Thatcher cannot expect these wild promises to be taken seriously". His departmental officers had costed the proposals at a total of £1,200m, equivalent to 5p in the pound on income tax, he said.

The proposals would not win votes because the electorate saw that the country was in the middle of an economic crisis. "In Britain's present situation, the politics of bread and circuses are a luxury which responsible politicians should avoid.

"The next two years will be years of national austerity, and politicians should have the courage to tell the country so. The voters much prefer to be told the truth, frankly and brutally. They will not respond to such crude attempts to buy their votes."

Mr Crosland said that the Conservative Government, after four years' detailed study of the rating system, had announced that nothing could be done. Now after five months Mrs Thatcher had decided that the whole system could be scrapped and replaced without further study.

She had even chosen to preempt the outcome of an independent inquiry on alternatives to the rating system set up by the Labour Government, he said. Two prominent Conservatives, Lord Ridley and Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, were members of that committee.

Mr Crosland said he would like to hear a conversation between Mrs Thatcher, Mr Geoffrey Rippon and Mr Peter Walker, for both Mr Walker and Mr Rippon had rejected any change.

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ench end embargo on ms for Middle East

icard Wigg
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ce today decided to n its embargo on arms o Egypt, Jordan, Israel ia. After a Cabinet meet- André Rossi, the Govern- pokesman, said that in arms sales could be zed to the four countries n examination of each

a decision was expected Government had announ- arlier this month a v" of the Middle East o. President Sadat of had earlier confirmed French Mirage fighter s sold to Libya had been red to Egypt and had art in the October war Israel.

ce has built up a power- s sales industry over the w years, earning last year han 8,000m francs (more £710m). The embargo the Middle East coun- ad become increasingly long before the Libyans p the last pretence at lation last year.

arms embargo was first d by General de Gaulle ately before the out- of the 1967 war. It was d to be total and general, but was got round, increasingly for deliveries to the Arab states, although not to Israel. The French argument has always been that the embargo favoured only arms dealers from other nations, above all the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain.

Egypt might well be the first country now to obtain approval for buying arms from France.

The 110 Mirage aircraft ordered by Libya in 1969 have all been delivered. Colonel Jalloud, the Libyan Prime Minister, was in Paris on a still unclarified visit last week. Nothing has emerged to suggest that France has taken any sanctions against Libya for breaking the original clause of non-delivery to countries in the battle area.

At a more general political level, however, President Giscard d'Estaing had, during his election campaign, declared that France would not wish to oppose any international effort aimed at avoiding a renewal of the Middle East arms race and upsetting the balance in that region.

But a general export offensive now has high government priority to help to right the balance of payments deficit.

yuz is ordered to land

ow, Aug 28.—The Soviet is preparing to bring its d spacecraft Soyuz 15 to Earth tonight in a e ending to a flight which een expected to include g with its Salyut 3 skylab. s of the abrupt ending of 15's flight after only two n space provoked specu- of technical problems in docking with the orbiting Soviet skylab, launched on June 25.

Yesterday Tass news agency announced a trajectory correction to Soyuz 15 which would have lined them upon the exact path of Salyut 3.

There is speculation in the West that the docking mechanism failed to grip or that Salyut has begun to decay in space.—Reuter.

Photograph by Bill Warhurst

Mr Thorpe beginning his hovercraft tour of the beaches yesterday with a speech on the sands at Westward Ho !, north Devon.

Mr Thorpe's election beachhead

From Martin Huckerby
St Ives

Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, made an early start to his electioneering yesterday when he set out on a hovercraft tour of the beaches of the south-west.

The election date may not have been settled, but Mr Thorpe was already launching his campaign speaking from the prow of the hovercraft on the beaches to an audience of gambolling children, bikini-clad girls and sweltering parents in deckchairs.

Arriving on the beaches of resorts on north Devon and Cornwall amid clouds of spray from the lurching hovercraft, he interrupted summer reveries with some "stark facts" about the state of the nation. The crowds, of many hundreds, listened pretty attentively.

In between talking about the need for moderation and fairness, he also aimed a few shafts at Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, over the collapse of Court Line.

He believed the Government had a moral obligation to the people who had booked holidays on the strength of the Government assurance on June 26. "I believe those people were taken for a ride", he said.

Mr Thorpe said at Westward Ho! that he was "absolutely ashamed that we have defaulted on the debts to foreign hoteliers".

At Bude he ran into opposition from people in the crowd, but the heckling was almost drowned by the cries of youngsters seeking his autograph.

Mr Thorpe had intended to bring the hovercraft ashore tomorrow on the wide expanse of Dawlish Sands in South Devon, but Teignbridge District Council thinks the hovercraft would disturb holidaymakers.

In a letter to the council Mr Thorpe said he understood that the council would view his arrival in a hovercraft as "an act of trespass", so he proposed that he and the rest of the party should land by dinghy. He thought, technically speaking, that even landing from a dinghy might be an act of trespass, but he hoped the council would not single out him and his colleagues for "exceptional expulsion".

Not everybody yesterday enjoyed the arrival of the hovercraft or the political speeches. Mr Brian Dassow, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, lodged a formal complaint with the police over the "bedlam" caused by loudspeakers at Newquay.

But at Bude one woman saw it differently. "It's smashing", she said. "I like a political meeting; it makes the holiday."

Court Line planned to get rid of TriStars

By Our Industrial Editor

New evidence shows that many holidaymakers making bookings for Clarkson and Horizon holidays during September and October were misled by lack of information on Court Line's affairs.

The board of Court Line apparently minuted a decision on July 11 to dispose of its two TriStar airliners. It did so 24 hours before Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co, the accountants, put in its first damning report to the Government on the group's financial status.

The move disrupted Peat Marwick's calculations on the viability of the holiday business and affected previous projections of trading results prepared by Price Waterhouse, the other City accountants.

At the same time as it was decided to shed the Rolls-Royce RB-211 powered airliners, the first to go into British airline service, Court Line's management instructed the tour operating companies to prepare for a big cut in flight programmes for which bookings were still being taken.

That decision was never announced to the public or to the travel trade. Court Line felt that half the number of passengers who had booked or were still booking tours for the period beyond August could be persuaded to accept alternative holidays to those in published brochures for which money was being paid over.

The proposed disposal of the TriStars, which are the subject of leasing arrangements, was swiftly reported to the Department of Trade and Industry by Peat Marwick which had been called in by the Government and the National Westminster Bank.

Court Line's decision also appears to have been withheld from the aviation subsidiary's pilots, whose representatives had, ironically, only 48 hours earlier expressed their anxieties about the future to Mr Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade.

Peat Marwick apparently advised a monitoring committee set up by the Government and the National Westminster Bank that disposal of the TriStars would also make preparations for the 1975 holiday brochures out of date.

The secret plan to disrupt the September and October travel arrangements of holidaymakers was apparently designed greatly to reduce aircraft seating capacity, saving up to £200,000

Agency may close: The Tabberer Travel Agency, of Solihull, announced last night that a meeting of creditors is proposed to consider placing the company in liquidation (the Press Association reports). The company ceased trading last Thursday.

Talks to save offshoot, page 17

Farmers gather most valuable harvest

The most valuable grain harvest in Britain's history, about £850m, is being gathered. Mr John Powling, managing director of Farm Seeds, the wholesale cereals seed company, said yesterday that the harvest should reach 15 million tons, just short of the record 15,032,000 tons two years ago.

Given another 10 days of sunny weather, he added, the harvest this year might beat the record.

Winter wheat takes most of the credit for the improvement. The acreage sown last autumn was about 9 per cent greater than before, much of it in the new high-yield varieties, such as Maris Huntsman, bred by scientists from the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge.

The wheats often yield more than three tons an acre, and they have helped to push up the national average yield by a tenth to a record 37 cwt an acre.

A record 5,500,000 tons of wheat is expected to be harvested this year.

Even the barleys sown in the spring, which suffered most in the spring drought, are doing better than expected. Mr David Saltmarsh, with 220 acres near Newmarket, said he was getting an average yield of 36 cwt an acre, slightly less than last year.

Mr Powling said that wheat prices would probaly drop over the next few weeks and then rise again. The average price of grain, over the whole harvest, might be £55 to £60 a ton.

Higher EEC prices, page 6

Train drivers get £10 rise

By Our Labour Staff

The executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), accepted £10-a-week rises yesterday for its members. The increase is in addition to the Phase Three award agreed earlier in the year.

Mr Ray Buckton, Aslef's general secretary, said that the settlement ended a two-and-a-half-year struggle. The pay of the most senior drivers had risen to £45 a week.

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Mr Ford keeps options open on Nixon pardon

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 28

President Ford said today that he was reserving the option of pardoning former President Nixon if he was ever convicted of a criminal offence. There had not, to his knowledge, been any discussions between Mr Leon Jaworski, the Watergate special prosecutor, and his office on the question of whether Mr Nixon should be indicted.

Mr Ford was giving his first press conference since he became President nearly three weeks ago. The first question asked him concerned his predecessor. He said that he shared the view of Mr Nelson Rockefeller, the Vice-President designate, that Mr Nixon should be spared further prosecution. This coincided with the general view of the American people.

He went on to say that he was the final authority in this matter. No charges had been made, no formal proceedings begun. Until they were, he said, it would be unwise and untimely for him to make any commitment.

"Of course, I make the final decision", he said, "and until it gets to me I make no commitment, one way or another. But I do have the right, as President of the United States, to make that decision [to pardon Mr Nixon]. I am not ruling it out. It is an option".

He said that Mr Jaworski had an obligation to take any action which he saw fit, in conformity with his oath of office, "and that should include any and all individuals".

The President confirmed a statement which his Press Secretary had made on his behalf, that he would probably be a candidate for election in 1976.

As for Mr Rockefeller, he said that the two of them made a good team but that a formal decision was up to the delegates to the Republican National Convention in two years' time. The reporters were too polite to express their disbelief.

He said again, very firmly, that there would be no wage and price controls. The economic situation had been examined carefully by congressionally leaders of both parties and his own advisers, and he would not ask Congress for controls.

He repeated his determination to cut the budget, mentioning the figure of $5,500m. No item on the budget, including the defence budget, was sacrosanct, he said, but it was essential to have enough for the armed forces. He expresed his confidence in the ability of Congress and the Secretary of Defence to pare unnecessary fat off the Pentagon's demands.

Other points made by the President included a hint that America might reconsider its policy towards Cuba "if Cuba changes its policy towards us".

He favoured the expansion of the American base on Diego Garcia

The President was asked how he would ensure that there would be no more Watergates, and what code of ethics would be followed. He said he would follow a policy of openness and candour. There would be no wire-tapping or any of the other things which led to Watergate. "The code of ethics that will be followed will be the example that I will set", he said.

It had been a conference very different from those Mr Nixon gave. Everyone was good humoured and the reporters did not object very strenuously when Mr Ford avoided answering their questions.

Pearl increases car premiums by up to 25 pc

Pearl Assurance, which insures 200,000 motorists, announced 15 to 25 per cent increases in motor premium rates yesterday. The rises, which vary according to the class of vehicle and operator, will take effect from October 1.

The company blamed the rising cost of settling claims. Private car premiums were likely to rise by between 17 and 20 per cent.

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Titmus in MCC tour party

Fred Titmus, the 41-year-old Middlesex off-break bowler, who has not played Test cricket for six years and a half, is among the 16 members of the MCC party to tour Australia and New Zealand this winter.

John Woodcock, page 12

Bremner found guilty on 'disrepute' charge

Billy Bremner, captain of Leeds United, and Kevin Keegan, of Liverpool, were suspended until September 30 and each fined £500 by a disciplinary commission in London yesterday for "bringing the game into disrepute".

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Warning of £20m loss by British Airways

British Airways made a net profit of £16.6m for the year ended March 31, 1974, Mr David Nicholson, the chairman, announced yesterday. But he gave a warning of a possible loss of up to £20m in the present financial year.

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Pressure on Britain to open doors to Asians

From Christopher Walker
Nairobi, Aug 28

The British Government is under growing pressure inside the Council of Europe and from backbench members of the Parliamentary Labour Party to lift the strict entry restrictions affecting the thousands of British Asians still living in East Africa. Many are suffering from poverty and enforced unemployment.

Detailed evidence of the hardship caused to individual British passport holders of Asian origin by the 1971 Immigration Act will be presented in a report being compiled in Nairobi by a representative of the London-based Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. It will show that, because of the long, jobless wait for an entry voucher, many Asian families are arriving in Britain from Kenya penniless and forced straight on to social security benefits.

The survey is being conducted as a contingency against any sudden mass expulsion of the estimated 90,000 Kenya Asians similar to that ordered by General Amin in Uganda in 1972. Mr Dilbhag Chana, an executive member of the joint council, said here today: "It is vital to have as many hard facts about these people as possible in case of a sudden exodus. In the present situation it would be foolish to be complacent and assume nothing will happen—the Asians could be kicked out almost overnight."

Election fever in Kenya and the strident publicity accompanying the launch of a new aliens' register have increased psychological pressure on the insecure Asian community recently, but British officials are confident that there will be no significant change in the steady rate of expulsion as long as President Kenyatta remains in power. In the event of a protracted struggle for the succession, the Asians would become more vulnerable.

Last week a senior civil servant disclosed that a controversial policy document on the Asians was drawn up by the Kenya Government after General Amin's decree. Compiled by senior representatives of all main Government departments, it advocated a much tougher line against the Asians here than has yet been adopted.

"The fact that there was support for such measures shows that there are some politicians who would like to see much firmer action taken against the Asians", he told me. "There is always the possibility that one day they will get power."

Renewed controversy over the British Government's policy towards the East African Asians has been caused by a critical report recently completed by the European Commission of Human Rights and now being considered by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The committee is in the process of deciding what action Britain will be asked to take to bring its legislation into line with the Human Rights Convention.

The report deals with 30 of more than 300 cases brought against Britain by Kenya

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Seamen say Ulster 'loyalists' boasted of killing soldiers

From Our Correspondent
Douglas

Members of the crew of an Isle of Man holiday steamer are protesting about a day trip from Belfast to Douglas, Isle of Man, organized by an Ulster "loyalist" group, because, they say, some of the 1,500 passengers were bragging openly about killing British troops.

They said the charter trip, *organized by the Loyalist Prisoners* and Detainees Welfare Council, would make profits to buy more bombs and bullets to be used against the British Army.

The trip was made last Saturday, and a letter of protest to the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, owner of the steamer Manxman, has been drawn up by Able Seaman Peter McAlinden, of Hope Street, Douglas. He said yesterday: "During the trip some of the passengers were bragging openly to members of the crew about how many British soldiers they had shot.

"When the passengers came on board they were 'frisked' by security men. We also had to anchor out at Belfast Lough, which I am sure was to prevent a bomb being put on board. It is the first time this sort of thing has happened to us, and we want it to be the last".

Able Seaman Leslie Lowey said: "I was in charge of the gangplank at Belfast, and four soldiers had rifles trained on everyone coming on board. We do not want that sort of thing. If anything went wrong we could get shot."

Mr McAlinden said he hoped to get the Manxman's entire complement of officers and crew to sign his letter. It states: "We see no reason why seamen of a neutral flag and philosophy should be compelled without their prior knowledge to carry passengers of known political beliefs, especially when the profits are directed towards criminals and opposers of the British Government. Furthermore, this charter could have further repercussions regarding the safety of the crew and also the residents of the Isle of Man."

A company official refused to comment on the letter.

'Uniform' charge remands

Two women and 12 men, charged under the Public Order Act with wearing uniforms signifying their association with the Provisional Sinn Fein, appeared on remand at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

They appeared with a woman and two men who were variously charged with assaulting or obstructing police officers or threatening behaviour. All were arrested at Marble Arch on August 11 when police and demonstrators clashed during an anti-internment rally.

Mr John Hooper, the magistrate, remanded the 17 on bail to Lambeth Magistrates' Court on November 19.

Thomas Presho, aged 25, a student, of Wimbourne Road, Tottenham, was fined £5 for obstructing the police at the rally. He admitted grabbing a flag from a man who was being arrested and shouting: "Come on boys, don't let them take him."

Mr Stuart Goodman, for Mr Presho, said he had attended a demonstration on an emotive and controversial issue, and had been carried away by the occasion.

Policemen face assault summons

Det Constable Christopher Merton, who resigned from the Metropolitan Police in January, and PC John Vale, serving at Cannon Row police station, are to appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court today on summonses alleging that they assaulted a member of the public in Mayfair last January.

A senior officer stationed at West End Central police station has been investigating the allegations.

Former chaplain stole £940 books

Mr Gary Eugene Gorman, aged 29, described by his solicitor as a former chaplain of St Hugh's College, Oxford, admitted at Marlborough Street Magistrates Court yesterday, the theft of 10 antique books worth a total of £940. Sentence was deferred and he was remanded on bail until January 22.

Dead student named

A man found dead in a ditch at Cambridge 11 days ago was *Robert Gary Rogers, aged 28*, a postgraduate student at Trinity College, Cambridge, from New York state, police said last night. *Crime is not suspected.*

School closes

Wykeham House private school, Carlisle, will not reopen for the autumn term. Rising prices have forced the 58-year-old school to close permanently.

Register to be made of children at risk

A register of children at risk of ill treatment will be set up in East Sussex. Maria Colwell, aged seven, died in January last year after being beaten at their Brighton home by her *stepfather, William Kepple*, who is now serving eight years for manslaughter.

An area review committee of officials concerned with child welfare has been set up. One of its first tasks will be to establish a register, or otherwise make available, coordinated information on children about whom concern has been expressed, often by a number of different people at different times and places.

The committee consists of *welfare officials, doctors*, psychiatrists, dentists, officials of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to *Children and representatives* of the nursing, police, probation, education and housing services.

The report of a government inquiry into Maria Colwell's death has still not been published, but Mr Denis Allen, director of social services for East Sussex, said: "I am concerned that effective steps should be taken as quickly as possible to improve standards of professional performance within our own organization and to develop better links with all the other services involved."

He emphasized that staff should have time to work with care and thoroughness.

Mr Taverne rejects alliance with Liberals

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Dick Taverne, QC, Democratic Labour MP for Lincoln, yesterday dismissed as "totally unfounded" reports that he might fight the next general election as a Liberal.

After a two-and-a-half hour private meeting with 250 members of his association on Tuesday, he said he had discussed with the Liberal Party *the possibility of an alliance.*

"It became clear that a formal alliance, with mutual support, must mean accepting the Liberal whip, even though I stood as a Democratic Labour candidate", he said.

"*The association feels* that in present circumstances this would mean the loss of our separate identity and voted *three to one against forming* an immediate alliance with the Liberals."

Mr Taverne said he would confidently fight alone in the next general election. He predicted that after it the Labour Party would no longer be able to contain its *fundamental divisions* and would split irrevocably.

"I further believe that we shall then see an alliance between social democrats, from the Labour Party and the Liberals, either inside or outside *a greater coalition.* The association believes this would be the time to join officially in such a large grouping in which *social democrats will not be* swamped."

Only a grand coalition could save the democratic system, he said. "A denial of a clear majority to the two biggest parties and more Liberals in Parliament could force such a coalition and could also hasten the realignment of the left, for which I have worked for several years.

"The Liberals recognize the need for a coalition and the need for a revolution of the centre against the extremes. Like us, they are against the class basis of British politics. We have much in common."

Mr Taverne, whose *majority* at the February general election was cut from 13,191 to 1,293, has not had a Liberal opponent in *Lincoln since* 1964. But the Young Liberals are interested in the possibility of putting up a candidate.

The South-east England Young Liberal Federation has already favoured running a candidate. Yesterday Mr Richard Saunders-White, the Young Liberals' publicity vice-chairman, said that negotiations were under way with a view to a candidate standing.

Mr W. G. Thompson, the Guildhall librarian, and his deputy, Mr E. Padwick (left), studying documents before their removal to the City library's new quarters in the west wing. Fragile and ancient manuscripts are being wheeled from Basinghall Street to Aldermanbury through crypts, to minimize damage.

Mr Rippon criticizes 'save Britain' groups

By Our Political Staff

The activities of General Sir Walter Walker and Colonel David Stirling and their supporters were criticized yesterday by Mr Rippon, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs.

There was danger, he said, in well-intentioned but mis*guided efforts to create pressure* groups "to save Britain". Those who wanted to help the nation would do better to work *through the political parties* and organizations.

Mr Rippon, who was speaking at Stamfordham, Northum*berland, added: "There is cer*tainly need to mobilize voluntary efforts more effectively to deal with civil emergencies at any time, from *flood disasters* to home defence, but I believe it can only be organized by the Government itself or under its authority and approval.

"The Conservative Party must emphasize its determination that the Territorial Army, special constabulary, *civil* defence, and similar organizations should be strengthened."

People must not be "trapped into disaster by the Benns and Scanlons" who would force Britain to step down from the pages of history into an abyss of social and industrial conflicts and misery. Nor must they be thrown off balance by the panicmongers, whether they be on the Stock Exchange or anywhere else.

Many people, he said, felt badly treated, and with good reason. They were those whose savings and standard of living had been eroded by excessive demands made at their expense.

Party leaders criticized: Tory leaders were criticized for "retreating before union militancy", in a speech yesterday by Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar

Speaking at Brentwood, he said: "It really is not good enough for Labour ministers to *ridicule the development of* para-military organizations in this country without understanding what helps them to *flourish.*"

The most significant political development of the moment was the loss of confidence of many middle class and professional and managerial people in the future of parliamentary government. They saw all-powerful unions threatening their way of life, but lacked the conviction that there were democratic means of opposing them.

Lord Longford rejects 'private armies'

By Michael Horsnell

Lord Longford, who is con*vening a conference* next month on the economic situation, has dissociated himself from the other private groups of people who are offering help and advice to the Government in the event of a national emergency.

The all-day conference, on the theme "The Crisis Deepens", at Central Hall, Westminster, on Saturday week, may lead to the formation of an organization dedicated to help to overcome the nation's economic difficulties.

Lord Longford, who will be chairman of the conference, said yesterday: "To avoid misunderstanding I must *totally and absolutely* dissociate our initiative from those attributed to General Walker and Colonel Stirling.

"*They have proved their pa*triotism in many ways, and their ideas are still veiled in some ambiguity, but we are *completely opposed to any*thing that remotely resembles a paramilitary force or private army. Activities of that kind can only serve to inflame and exacerbate divisions. We are concerned by reasonable discussion to encourage national unity of a non-political kind.

"I am leaving the formation of an organization to the Almighty, but I would be utterly opposed to anything paramilitary and outside party politics. The movement would be based on service and self-sacrifice."

Colonel David Stirling, leader of the GB 75 organization, and General Sir Walter Walker, whose Civil Assistance group intends to maintain services in the event of crippling strikes, have denied paramilitarism and subversive intentions.

Lord Longford said that of *the many people expected to* attend the conference a few had written advocating a new form of government but none *had suggested a paramilitary* solution to Britain's difficulties.

He added: "I have found a lot of people saying 'Can we do anything before the country goes over the precipice?', and after writing to *The Times* in July about the conference about 800 people wrote to me, and we have had many letters since. If the general public say 'We will put up with petrol rationing', for instance, that is something that the Government can use to formulate a policy."

Tories to abolish rates within lifetime of a parliament

Continued from page 1

£1,000m of local government spending, of which over 60 per cent is borne by the Exchequer. It is estimated that the transfer will take about £400m (equivalent to less than 2p on income tax) out of the rates, and that would apply from next year—assuming there is an election and that the Conservatives win it.

Expenditure on the police and fire services would also qualify for increased grants from the Exchequer, taking a further sum out of the rates.

At present the domestic ratepayers pay just over £1,000m each year towards local expenditure. That is equivalent to about 4½p on income tax or 4 per cent on VAT.

The Conservative aim, having "contained the rate burden in the interim", as Mrs Thatcher explained, is to abolish the domestic rating *system within* the "normal lifetime of a parliament".

"It will be replaced by taxes more broadly based and related to people's ability to pay", the policy document says.

The intention will be to retain a measure of financial independence for local authori*ties in such a way that they are* responsible to those they tax; and to find a more effective way of controlling total public *expenditure, including that of* local authorities, so that the burden of the whole taxation system is not so great that it *deprives people* of incentives or the means to fend for themselves.

Rather reticent on the alternatives, Mrs Thatcher said she did not want to pronounce before the present inquiry into *local government finance* reports. That is due by the end of 1975, and Mrs Thatcher hopes it will be sooner.

She said that she personally was against local income tax, and pointed to the Conservatives' proposals in the 1971 green paper on alternative sources of local revenue. They include, apart from local income tax, a local sales tax or value-added tax, local employment or payroll tax, motor fuel and vehicle duty.

Mrs Thatcher agreed that the whole package would increase public expenditure, but not by much. Pegging mortgages would cost an estimated £180m, but that sum should be set against the cost, for example, of municipalization.

Commenting on the proposals, a Building Societies' Association official said: "Obviously *we would welcome anything that* would make it easier for people to buy houses. We have not seen these proposals before and *so we have to do some sums.*"

The present mortgage rate of 11 per cent was in many ways too low, he said. They were paying investors 7½ per cent but not enough cash was coming in. "We need more money in order to provide the service which is demanded of us."

Mr David Petri, for the National Association of Ratepayers' Action Groups, welcomed abolition of the rates. "The policy of removing existing rates has been pressed upon all three party leaders during recent weeks, and it appears that the Conservatives have met our demands."

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary-elect of the National Union of Teachers, said the *Conservative plan to transfer* teachers' salaries to the Exchequer was highly disturbing to the education service and *threatened the life and inde*pendence of local government.

"It raises the whole question of the contractual status of teachers", he said. "At the moment they are local government employees. Would they under the Conservatives become civil servants? It also raises the whole spectre of government interference in schools, not only as regards staffing but also in matters of curriculum."

Mr Dick Sinfield, president of the House Builders Federation, said the proposals to help more people to buy their own homes "should do much to increase private house building activity".

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Mr Powell tipped for safe seat in Ulster

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

Unionists in Northern Ir believe that there is an chance that Mr Powell stand for a Westminster se Ulster in the next general tion and that he may app become a candidate withi next 48 hours.

It was revealed yesterday he was offered a safe Uni seat in the province by it *ting member only* last n and that Mr Powell said would stand in Northern Ir provided the vacancy was specially created for him.

Many Unionists believe Captain L. P. S. Orr, the ber for Down, South, choose not to contest the election and that Mr Po who is arriving in Ulster for a speaking engageme Armagh, may submit an cation to the local constitu association.

Down, South could pr Mr Powell with a perm base for his future pol career.

Whether he intends more than make a speec night remains unsure. A London home yesterday h plied when asked abou prospect of an Ulster sea will not comment on hypo cal suggestions."

The official *Unionist* one of the three "Unio groups which are allied the banner of the United Unionist Council, is able to cate seven of the 12 lo candidates in Northern Ir The other five are split bet Mr Craig's and Mr Pai men. Mr Harry West, Unionist Party leader, probably not mind so mu Mr Powell's shadow crosse own political career.

Powellite plea: Mr Tapsell, Conservative MP Horncastle, said yesterday he had called on constitu party leaders in Louth, Mr Jeffrey Archer has de not to stand again, to Mr Powell or Sir Christ Soames for the general ele (a Staff Reporter writes).

Mr Tapsell sent a 124 telegram to Louth urging selection of either man. Bu Henry Sharpley, chairma Louth constituency party, he was concerned that the grem had been released t press without warning.

He suggested that Mr Ta might like to vacate Hornc in favour of Mr Powell or Christopher and take a pla the queue for Louth.

Manifesto by weekend, Labour hopes

By Our Political Staff

The Labour Party's festo drafting committe to meet today and tom and the party hopes to h document ready by the end. It will be submitte joint meeting of the C and the party's National tive Committee.

The party's proposals volution were considered meeting of its home policy mittee last night. The co tee had before it the rep a working party on devo and a final draft is expec be issued next week.

The document accep central principle of d elected assemblies for Sc and Wales. It gives an taking that there will b sideration later of devolu power to the region England.

Charge of 'skiver's paradise' at Cowley car plant denied

British Leyland yesterday denied that its Cowley car plant was a "skiver's paradise", as alleged earlier by Mr Graham Turner, a journalist and economist who has made a study of the company. It accused Mr Turner of "gross distortion", but one of its executive admitted that there was a labour surplus at the plant.

Mr Turner said in a BBC radio interview that Cowley workers had told him that men in one department went to bed after as little as two hours of a night shift; one man sunbathed, at work, and there were stories of card *schools and* working "one hour on, one off". Many men had said that the plant could function adequately with only half its present work force, he alleged.

The company replied that such a statement demonstrated Mr Turner's ignorance of the realities of manufacturing.

Mr David Bucke, Oxford district secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, also rejected Mr Turner's allegation.

But Mr Geoffrey Whalen, personnel director of British Leyland's body and assembly divisions, said there was a pool of extra men who were not fully employed. "We felt *it* right to retain them until we can find them new jobs", he said.

There were other reasons for some of the men not having enough work, including a shortage of parts because of the three-day week.

Mr Jack Reid, who used to work in the plant's trim shop, agreed with Mr Turner. "I used to go in at 8 pm for the night shift and by 12.30 I could go to sleep until 6.30 in the morning", he said yesterday.

"There were too many people in the shop and there was always someone to do my work while I slept. Those who did not want to sleep played cards, draughts or shove ha'penny."

Mr Roy Gatehouse who still works at the plant disagreed. He said: "The situation at the moment, where more men than usual have not got much work to do, is temporary. It has been *created by changeovers to new* models and obviously it won't last for ever. To say that it's a skiver's paradise is ludicrous."

*Mr Turner said in the inter*view that he had based his remarks on information from a relatively few men "who might be rogues and liars, but I believe them to be honest men—men who actually would be happier to work much harder than they are working".

A worker had told him about a particular night shift supposed to start about 10 pm. The men would usually knock off at about 1 am and go to bed for the rest of the shift. Another worker had said: "That's not true. We normally go to bed about midnight."

British Leyland said Mr Turner's comments could cause only bitterness and resentment in a community that was doing a great deal to help to support the country's economy.

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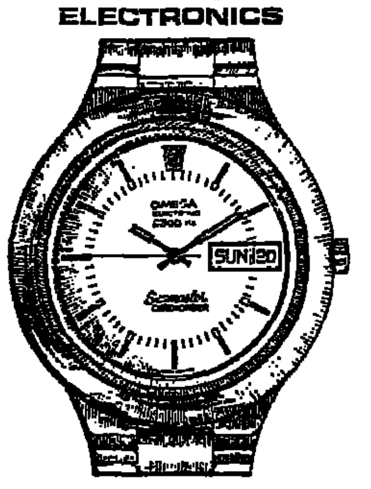

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Pop festival organizer remanded in custody

William Ubique Dwyer, aged 44, organizer of the Windsor free pop festival, was remanded in custody for a week on four charges at Windsor Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Described as a civil servant, Mr Dwyer gave his address in court as Wynford Road, north London, although he was said on the charge sheet to be of no fixed address.

He was charged with using *threatening, abusive and insulting* words at Windsor Great Park on Tuesday with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, assault on Alan Roy Chivers, and two offences of damaging glass panes valued at £96, the property of Thames Valley police authority.

Mr Dwyer discharged his solicitor, Mr Anthony Burton, to represent himself.

Reporting restrictions were *not lifted.*

Prospective candidates

The following have been adopted as prospective parliamentary candidates:

Mr Ronald Gould (Conservative) for Liverpool, Walton, at *present held for Labour* by Mr Eric Heffer, Minister of State for Industry, with a majority of 8,216.

Mr Francis Butler (Liberal) for Sheffield, Park, at present held for Labour by Mr *Frederick Mulley, Minister for* Transport, with a majority of 22,677.

Mr Stephen Osborne (Liberal) for Brighton Kemptown, at present held for the Conservatives by Mr Andrew Bowden with a majority of 4,020.

Father denies rats nested in children's room

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury

A father accused of neglecting his four young children told Salisbury magistrates yesterday that he was "cheesed off" with the situation in which he had found himself.

He and his wife have pleaded not guilty to four charges of wilfully neglecting their four children, aged between six months and 12 years, who, at the opening of the proceedings on Tuesday, were alleged to have been living in filth and squalor.

Cross-examined by Mr Robert Beecroft, for the prosecution, the husband said both he and his wife had suffered illness since January and he was unemployed and unable to deal with the housework. He said bedding for the children had been bought from Oxfam and jumble sales. *Asked why it had not* been cleaned, he replied that his wife was usually going to do it, but did not feel well and he was "cheesed off" with it. He denied that there was a rat's nest in the children's bedroom, but admitted that he drank and gambled at times.

He denied leaving the children alone in the house for a long time. Asked why he had put a bolt on the outside of the door of one of the bedrooms in his Salisbury council house, he said *it was to stop his son from going* downstairs to take sweets.

Dr Joan Norris, the children's family doctor, called by the defence, *said* she had found nothing to show that the children were neglected, but the family clearly needed much help in running the house.

The names of the parents have been omitted because the magistrates ruled at an earlier hearing that nothing should be published that might lead to identification of the children.

The hearing continues today.

Weather forecast and recordings

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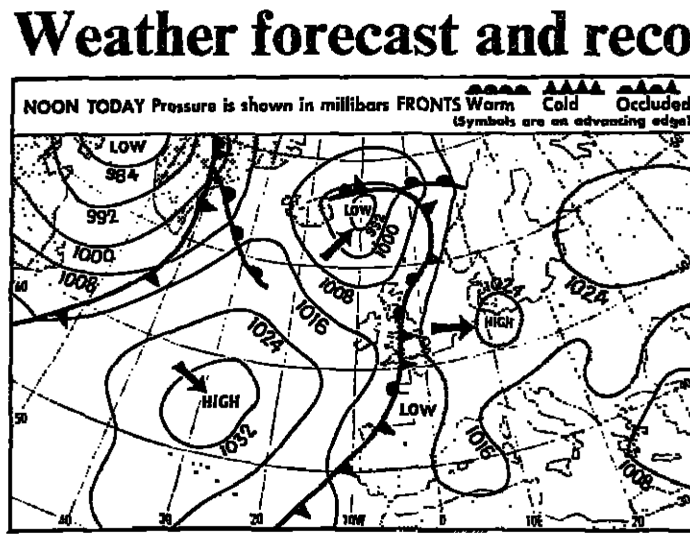

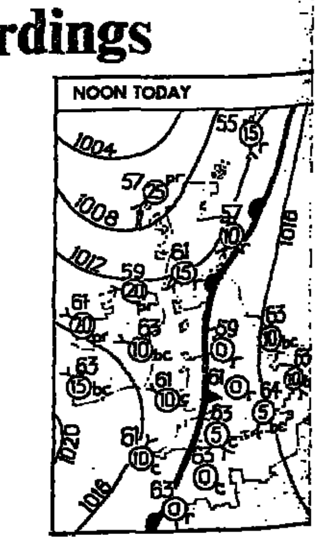

Today

Sun rises: 6.8 am
Sun sets: 7.55 pm
Moon sets: 2.38 am
Moon rises: 6.11 pm

Full moon: September 1.

Lighting up: 8.25 pm to 5.39 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.13 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 12.37 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Avonmouth, 5.39 am, 10.2m (33.4ft); 6.13 pm, 10.9m (35.7ft). Dover, 9.58 am, 5.5m (18.0ft); 10.26 pm, 5.5m (18.2ft). Hull, 4.36 am, 5.9m (19.4ft); 5.18 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Liverpool, 10.14 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 10.29 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft).

Pressure is low to the NW of Britain and also over Biscay. A trough of low pressure over England and Wales is becoming weak.

London area, E Midlands: Mainly dry, sunny spells; wind SE, moderate; max temp 22°C (72°F).

SE, E, Central S England, E Anglia: Mainly dry, sunny spells; *wind SE, moderate*; max temp 21°C (70°F).

W Midlands, N Wales, NW, Central N England: Variable, cloudy, bright or sunny periods, perhaps a few showers; wind S or SE, moderate; max temp 21°C (70°F).

Channel Islands: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, perhaps thunder; wind SE, moderate, rather cool; max temp 18°C (64°F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, some rain in places, more especially in W, perhaps local thunder; wind SE, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F) in W, 20°C (68°F) in E.

Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Rather cloudy, perhaps a few showers, bright or sunny spells developing; wind SE, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Dry with sunny spells in many N and E districts. Some rain likely in W and S but also bright *or sunny periods.*

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SE, moderate; sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind SE, fresh; sea moderate.

St George's Channel and Irish Sea: Wind S, strong, decr to moderate; sea rough at becoming moderate.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Algiers	s	29	84	Cologne	c	17	63	Las Palmas	s	24	75	New York	c	29	85
Amsterdm	s	19	66	Copenhgn	s	18	64	Lisbon	s	22	72	Nice	s	26	79
Athens	s	30	86	Dublin	c	16	61	Locarno	f	23	73	Oslo	c	18	64
Barcelona	s	23	73	Edinburgh	c	14	57	London	s	18	64	Paris	s	20	68
Beirut	s	28	82	Florence	th	17	63	Luxembrg	s	15	59	Reykjavik	f	8	46
Belfast	f	15	59	Funchal	c	23	73	Madrid	s	28	82	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Berlin	f	20	68	Genova	s	17	63	Majorca	f	25	77	Rome	f	25	77
Biarritz	s	23	73	Gibraltar	c	25	77	Malaga	s	27	81	Ronldswy	f	16	61
Birmnghm	f	17	63	Guernsey	f	18	64	Malta	s	26	79	Stockholm	f	18	64
Bristol	f	17	63	Helsinki	s	21	70	Manchester	f	17	63	Venice	c	19	66
Brussels	s	18	64	Innsbruck	f	13	55	Moscow	s	22	72	Vienna	r	14	57
Budapest	s	27	81	Istanbul	s	26	79	Munich	r	10	50	Warsaw	s	25	77
Cardiff	f	17	63	Jersey	s	19	66	Naples	c	26	79	Zurich	f	13	55

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 20°C (68°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity, 53 per cent. Rain, 24hr to nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 11.2 mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,019.9 bars, *falling.*

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm August 28

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp C	Max temp F	
E COAST					
Scarboro	11.6	—	20	68	Sunn
Bridlngtn	11.1	—	19	66	Sunn
Gorleston	13.4	—	18	64	Sunn
Clacton	12.0	—	20	68	Sunn
Margate	13.0	—	20	68	
S COAST					
Hastings	12.7	—	19	66	Sunn
Eastbrne	11.7	—	18	64	Sunn
Brighton	13.6	—	18	64	Sunn
Worthing	12.9	—	19	66	Sunn
Bognor	13.0	—	18	64	Sunn
Southsea	13.6	—	18	64	Sunn
Bournmth	11.3	—	17	63	Sunn
Exmouth	11.3	—	17	63	Sunn
Torquay	11.1	—	17	63	Sunn
Falmouth	9.4	—	18	64	
W COAST					
Morecmbe	8.7	—	19	66	Sunn
Blackpool	8.4	—	19	66	Sunn
Newquay	9.9	—	19	66	

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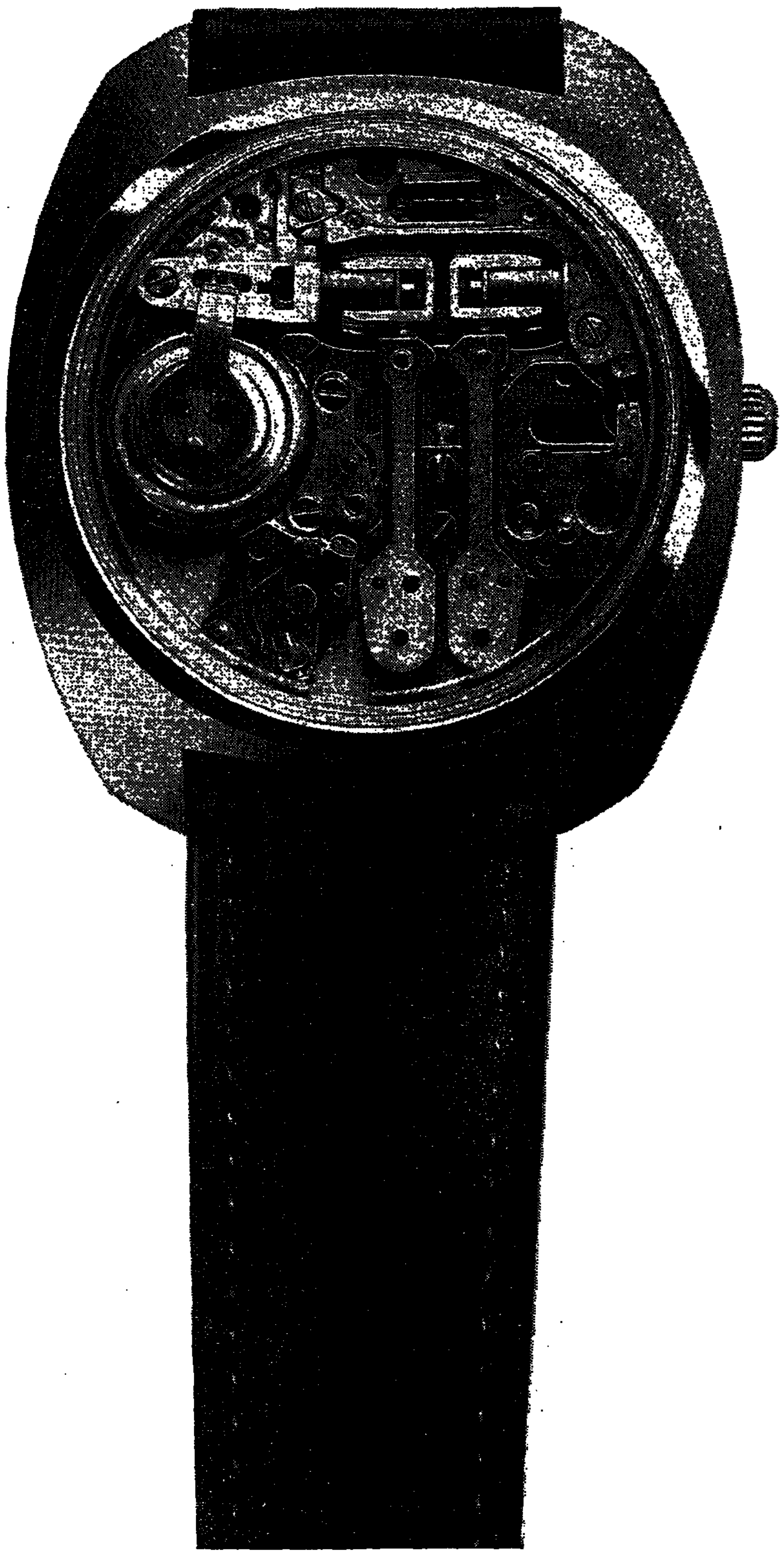

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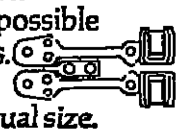

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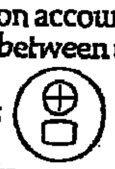

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Ban visiting football upporters, club ecretary suggests

A nationwide ban by clubs all visiting supporters was ggested yesterday by the sec- lary of a second-division club a way of stopping football lence.

"It might cut attendances but might also encourage people o stay away to avoid violence return to the grounds", Mr nnis Marshall, secretary of ttinghamshire County Foot- l Club, said in Nottingham.

"The trouble at grounds ms to be caused when rival s bait each other", he added. one group of supporters was the ground there would be le trouble."

r Marshall said that a pro- al the previous day by Mr well, Minister of State for rt and Recreation, that ng supporters should be ed with identity cards ould pose difficulties for s and would be difficult to orce".

hat view was shared by Geoffrey Woodcock, chair- of Peterborough United, third division club. The tity card would be im- ible to implement, even for lub such as Peterborough, e average attendance was about 10,000.

r Woodcock said his club d ban any troublemaker was ejected from the club nd. One man who boasted local paper that he went to e games only to fight had barred.

Eddie Chapman, secre- of West Ham, referring to rks by Mr Howell about ing admission to "people appear to be dressed for le" commented: "Some know who the ringleaders but others do not; it could meone dressed in a bowler

Peter Barnes, Leyton t secretary, said: idly enforced rights of ssion, identity cards for rters and the like are all ble suggestions; but how hey be enforced without ng an enormous number oblems?

t Orient we have little le, hardly any with our supporters and do not to take any more steps to t hooliganism until we heard from the Football iation or Football e."

Peter Robinson, secretary verpool, said: "We do not the full import of the Howell recommendations, but when we do we shall call a special meeting of the directors to discuss it." Liverpool would continue to work in the closest cooperation with the police.

Mr Chris Hassell, secretary of Everton, said: "The principle of identity cards is excellent, but the problem may be in how to make the idea work. When we are fully informed the directors will have talks on the matter to see what we can do."

Mr Howell announced his suggestions on Tuesday after talks at the Football League headquarters at Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire. He said Mr Alan Hardaker, secretary of the Football League, and Mr Eddie Plumley, secretary of Coventry City, would investigate the feasibility of an identity card system at grounds.

Mr Plumley said yesterday that the police had requested "an investigation of methods of identification of juvenile supporters in an effort to curtail vandalism and violence".

He continued: "We shall ask clubs for their reasons for or against such a scheme. Our job will be to collate the information and report to the minister."

Luton Town Football Club last night announced that it had cancelled a special train to take supporters to Leeds a week on Saturday. The decision followed hooliganism on the Luton supporters' train returning from Middlesbrough last Saturday. Eleven windows were broken and three Luton supporters were put off at York, 200 miles from home. The communication cord was pulled half a dozen times and the train was two hours late.

Mr Robert Keens, Luton's chairman, said: "The trains have been running successfully to almost all our away matches for four years. This trouble was caused by a very small minority."

He said the club would meet British Rail officials to try to improve safety conditions and discipline, adding: "At this stage we cannot promise that the supporters' specials will run in future".

Mr Ronald Durham, Cardiff City trainer, said yesterday that he was leaving football after an incident at a match in York on Tuesday night, when he told an angry supporter to "cool off"—and then poured a bucket of cold water over him. Mr Durham said: "Soccer has become too emotional, too violent, and there is too much money involved. It is no longer a game. I have never done such a thing before in my life".

Shortage in hospitals means prison for sick man

A young man in need of medical help was sent to prison yesterday because a mental hospital was short of staff. Dr A. Montanes, consultant psychiatrist at Napsbury mental hospital, St Albans, said at Highgate Magistrates' Court, London, that he could not take the the boy because he had not enough staff.

The doctor agreed that Michael Towell, aged 19, of Cornwall Avenue, Church End, Finchley, was in need of treatment, but said he was violent and he could not provide a place without danger to his staff and other patients.

Mr Ronald Moss, for the defence, said: "It is not the doctor's fault, but if that is the position of the mental health service we are in a very sorry state."

Mr Alfred Finer, the chairman, told Mr Towell: "Because of the state of your problem we have got to make a decision. It seems to us right to sentence you to six months in prison in the hope that your case will come to the attention of the Home Secretary.

Mr Towell had pleaded guilty on July 29 to a charge of indecent exposure. He had two previous convictions, one for violence, and Dr Montanes agreed yesterday that Mr Towell had been a patient at Napsubury in the past.

Mr Moss referred to a report from a Dr Dexter, at Ashford remand centre, in which, he said, the doctor thought the defendant was in urgent need of treatment. But, he added, the court could not make an order under the Mental Health Act unless a hospital previously agreed to take the patient.

Dr Montanes said: "I do not think anybody is disagreeing that he needs treatment, but to give him proper treatment you have to have staff."

Asked by Mr Finer where the defendant could go, the doctor mentioned three other mental hospitals in the area, but said the matter should go before the regional board. During a short adjournment, contact was made with Friern Hospital but in vain.

Mr Moss said he had written to Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and added: "It is an unfortunate set of events."

Dr Montanes said: "I am going to press the regional board. I am very unhappy about it."

Mr P. Towel, the defendant's father, commented later: "As parents we are very bewildered by the whole experience. I think it is an appalling reflection on society.

Passengers, a telephone and a minibus, three elements in the dial-a-ride experiment which begins at Harlow, Essex, on Saturday. It is hoped to fill a gap between cars and conventional buses.

Move to arrest ministers fails

An application for the arrest of Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, under the 1351 Statute of Treason was rejected by Derby magistrates yesterday. Warrants were requested also for the arrest of Mrs Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, and Sir William Armstrong, lately Head of the Home Office Civil Service.

Mr Stuart Gibson, secretary of the United Party, which is based in Derby, applied for the warrants on the ground that the granting of an amnesty to illegal immigrants and of British Nationality to known revolutionaries amounted to treason.

MP's appeal for canvassers fails

Sir Harmar Nicholls, Conservative MP for Peterborough, appealed for a thousand volunteers to canvass 40,000 families in the city to seek their views on capital punishment, a coalition government and other issues, but only 20 people came forward.

Sir Harmar, who is faced with a £900 bill for advertising the plan, said: "It seems that people merely want to moan and groan.

Labour calls for £50m injection into Scotland

An annual injection of £50m to help the economy of west central Scotland was proposed by the Scottish Council of the Labour Party yesterday.

It said that at least that sum was needed for the area, which contains about half of Scotland's five million people, to provide investment in transport, housing, industry and environmental improvements.

The proposal was contained in a document published in response to a report by the west central Scotland planning team, which comprises representatives of local authorities, Scottish Office officials and nominees of the Secretary of State. The report, published in April, was was entitled *A Plan for Action*.

The Labour Party said it could not agree with the team's main concept of a special development authority for the area. It argued that it was not realistic and that the job could best be done by a Scottish development agency financed by oil revenues, as proposed by the Government.

The role of the authority suggested by the planning experts would overlap and be incompatible with the agency and with the Government's proposed national enterprise board.

West central Scotland would be the chief focus of activity for the agency. As a result, the sums available could be much more generous than the extra £9m envisaged in the report.

The party agreed with the report that employment prospects depended predominantly on encouraging indigenous industry rather than incoming industry. But it added that the report took no account of some of the possibilities for attracting industry included in the proposals for the enterprise board.

The council said it was concerned that the long-term unemployed should be given opportunities in private industry, and suggested that a generous rehabilitation and retraining grant should be payable to employers taking on those out of work for more than 26 weeks.

Three-piece sweet

Customers who buy a three-piece suite from a discount warehouse at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, are given 30lb of sugar imported from Denmark by the proprietor who says "business is booming".

Hired man is believed to have killed girl's lover

A hired killer may have murdered a man who died from 33 stab wounds, Birmingham Coroner's Court was told yesterday. The jury returned a verdict that Itaz Ali, aged 37, of Alston Street, Ladywood, was murdered by a person or persons unknown.

The court was told that Mr Ali, who had had an affair with a girl, aged 16, was found lying in a pool of blood in his bedroom on June 7.

Mr Habib Ullah, of Dorking Grove, Birmingham, said some Asian men had gone to Mr Ali's house and asked if he would marry the girl but he had refused. He had agreed that the girl's family would be disgraced if he rejected the proposal.

Det Chief Inspector Patrick McCaughley was asked by Mr George Billington, the coroner, if someone might have been hired to commit the murder as the girl and her family had left England three months before the attack.

Mr McCaughley replied: "I have not ruled out the possibility."

The coroner told the jury that the girl had been pestering Mr Ali with telephone calls to his place of work and to his home. Referring to love letters written to Mr Ali by the girl, he added: "She was writing these letters, in Western eyes harmless ones, a young girl infatuated, but in Eastern eyes they were compromising."

Police study files for clues to headless body

From Our Correspondent

King's Lynn

Detectives, faced with the task of identifying the body of a young woman found bound and headless on lonely farmland near Swaffham, Norfolk, are studying files of a hundred women missing

The dead woman was aged between 20 and 30, was well built and 5ft 2in tall.

Det Supt Ivan Mead, who is leading the investigation, said yesterday that the woman was wearing only a nightdress, which suggested that it had not been brought far.

The police have been unable to find the victim's head. Mr Mead said: "Whoever killed her went to great lengths to try to hide her identity." Although forensic scientists have no teeth to help to identify the woman the police are still hopeful of discovering who she is.

In brief

Girl swallowed stolen ring

A girl, aged 17, swallowed a diamond-and-sapphire ring she had stolen from a jeweller's shop and the police did not find it until they took her to a hospital for X-ray examination some days later, Mr Richard Hodgson, for the prosecution, said at Bradford Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Lyn Hardy, unemployed, of Tees Street, Bradford, pleaded guilty to stealing the ring and was fined £20. Mr Hodgson said a surgeon at Bradford Royal infirmary removed the ring, which had been returned to the jeweller.

Shoplifter fined £400

Miss Zoherh Majidi, aged 20, said to be the daughter of an Iranian government official, was fined £400 at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court yesterday for stealing items worth £28.50 from a New Bond Street store. She was said to have about £550 in sterling and other currencies when arrested.

Policemen commended

Three policemen were honoured in London yesterday with certificates of commendation for arresting a man armed with a meat cleaver. They are Sergeant David Higgins, aged 30, and Police Constables George Ward, aged 29, and Philip Green, aged 33, from Acton police station.

Wallies disappear

Bailiffs from the Department of the Environment who went to Stonehenge yesterday to evict the Wallies found that the group, who said they would fight the authorities with love, had disappeared from the camp site they had occupied since Midsummer Day.

Free holiday offer

A Yorkshire building company is offering a trip round the world to anyone who buys an £8,000 plot of land from it. Jardale Ltd, of Oxenhope, near Keighley, found it could not sell three plots at Wainstalls fo. £12,000.

World trip off

Patrick Halliday's plan to sail round the world with his family in a catamaran ended after a trip down the Channel from Falmouth to Chichester had taken three weeks, his wife, Patricia, aged 30, of Bognor, said yesterday.

Crash kills 2 women

Two women died and four men were injured, two seriously, when their car crashed on the M4 near Tormarton, Gloucestershire, yesterday. All were Chinese, believed to be in restaurant work.

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COMPANY MEETING NOTICES
MAXIM'S LIMITED

Notice to holders of Bearer Warrants

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The Directors of the Company propose to give Shareholders the right to elect to receive additional shares in lieu of the dividend and a Special Resolution will be proposed *at the Annual General Meeting* to give effect to the share election proposal.

Copies of the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1973, containing the Notice of Meeting, Circular Letter dated 28th August, 1974, explaining all details of the share election proposal are available together with Forms of Election and Listing Form at the Company's registered office, 17 Thrale Road, London SW16 1NS, and at International Westminster Bank Limited, 18 Place Vendome, Paris 1.

A form of Proxy is available from either of the above addresses. It is for use in case you are unable to attend and vote at the Meeting in person. You are requested to complete and return the Form of Proxy to reach the Company's Head Office, 3 Rue Royale, Paris 8, France, not later than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting. Proof of ownership of the shares must be lodged at the same time.

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By Order of the Board
J. Y. R. STROVER.
Secretary.

28th August, 1974.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001972 of 1974
IN THE HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of METROPRESS Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 22nd day of August 1974, presented to the said Court by Barnett Christie Limited whose registered office is situated at 16 Berkeley Street, London W.1. Bankers.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of October 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

R. C. BARTLETT & CO., 51 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2DG, Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 001964 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of LEADOR Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was, on the 31st day of August, 1974, presented to the said Court by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of King's Beam House, 39/41 Mark Lane, London, EC3R 7HE, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of October, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

GREGORY KRIKORIAN, King's Beam House, 39/41 Mark Lane, London, EC3R 7HE, Solicitor to the Petitioner.

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No. 001922 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of OVERGLEN Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of August 1974 presented to the said Court by Diamond Silks Limited whose registered office is at 15/16 Margaret Street, London, W.1. Textile Converters, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 7th day of October 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

THORNTON LYNNE & LAWSON, 56 Portland Place, London W.1. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948 and In the Matter of DEVELOPA FILM SERVICE Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, London EC4V 5AJ on Tuesday 17th September 1974 at 3.00 p.m. to be followed at 3.15 p.m. by a General Meeting of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an Account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the WINDING-UP to date.

Dated this 20th day of August 1974.

P. GRANVILLE WHITE
Liquidator

In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948 and In the Matter of SCERNIA *Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).*

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, London EC4V 5AJ on Tuesday 17th September 1974, at 12 noon to be followed at 12.15 p.m. by a General Meeting of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an Account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the WINDING-UP to date.

Dated this 19th day of August 1974.

P. GRANVILLE WHITE
Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
BEAVER HOMES Limited.

Notice is hereby Given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named COMPANY will be held at Clifton-Ford Hotel, Welbeck Street, W.1, on Friday, the 20th day of September 1974 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 21st day of August 1974.

By Order of the Board
KAMAL SHAH.
p.p. Cavendish Court Secretaries Limited, Secretary.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of A. & B. C. CHEWING GUM Limited.

Nature of Business: Chewing Gum manufacturers.

Winding-up Order made 31st July 1974.

Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 12th September 1974, at Edinburgh Room, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London W.C.2 at 11.0 o'clock.

Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 12.0 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS.
Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of L. B. CLARKE (LONDON) Limited.

Nature of Business: Fruit and Vegetable Importers.

Winding-up Order made 29th July 1974.

Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 11th September 1974, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.15 o'clock.

Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 10.45 o'clock.

N. SADDLER.
Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

No. 001257 of 1974

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE In the Matter of Stangalton Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

I, ANTHONY MALCOLM DAVID BIRD, Chartered Accountant of 18, Baldwin Street, Bristol BS1 1SQ hereby give notice that I have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of Stangalton Limited by Order of the Court dated 9th August, 1974.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1974.

A. M. D. BIRD.
Liquidator.

In the Matter of Kreit of London Limited.

By order of the High Court dated the 18th day of JANUARY 1974, MR. JACOB JACK NUNES VAZ of 82-84 City Road, London EC1Y 2DA has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named company with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1974.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of COURT LINE Limited.

Nature of business: Holding Company.

Provisional Liquidator appointed: 16th August, 1974.

A. T. CHEEK, Senior Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator, [illegible] Strand, London, W.C.2.

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WEST EUROPE

President's skilled TV performance fails to dispel French doubts

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 28

A cartoon on the front page of *Le Figaro* today showed Marianne, the symbol of France, so enchanted by President Giscard d'Estaing playing the accordion that she does not notice M Fourcade, the Economics Minister, putting his hand deep into her purse. The President's television broadcast last night, to which it referred, was a highly skilled political performance, but the absence of any precise measures to back up his reasoned appeals for national unity at home and for a move towards political union in the European Community has left both the experts and the man in the street in a doubting, uneasy mood.

The President's personal success on television infurated M Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, who complained that "today, conjuring has become the method of government"; and a left-wing intellectual columnist said television was "a permanent plebiscite", a medium which M Giscard d'Estaing had well mastered.

But the reserved reactions showed one of the chief problems which has now begun to emerge as M Giscard d'Estaing passes the mark of the first 100 days of his presidency. His reasonable search for a reformist administration capable of modernizing France socially, to which he referred again last night in enthusiastic terms, leaves many of his supporters in in the country uneasy. They are wondering whether he is not dreaming a shade too much in difficult times; meanwhile the opposition forces reject totally his social democracy.

M Giscard d'Estaing may unveil at his press conference next month some of the details which he omitted completely last night of *what he thinks might* be the content of a European leaders' summit. The precise nature of the initiatives for Europe's political organization or what steps might bring about a monetary and economic union may also be revealed.

Next weeks' Cabinet meeting is to be devoted to European problems and the French Foreign Ministry will also be starting diplomatic contacts soon in the capitals of the Nine.

But today the commentators seem to be concentrating only on the difficulties of European summitary.

The Gaullists, however, judged it worthwhile to welcome the President's proposal to restart the European effort again. But they took exception to M Giscard d'Estaing's reference to previous "governments of fear" when he spoke of his liberalizing legislative programme.

Success in fighting inflation in France would be a highly important element, it is being pointed out, in "harmonizing" European economic policies for an eventual union.

Two big French trade union confederations today dismissed the President's appeals for collaboration. "Docile trade unions" collaborating with the Government were just not on in class-conscious France, M Georges Segry, the secretary-general of the Communist-led Confédération Générale du Travail, declared last night. At a press conference this morning, he also rejected the President's appeal for restraint.

But the national association of small and medium sized firms also attacked the President for failing to provide solutions to the "real problems" they faced. The President last night confirmed that the bank credit squeeze, which has hit many small and family firms, will go on.

M Michel Jobert, who continues his skirmishing operations against M Giscard d'Estaing from strategic middle class ground, too has protested on behalf of French savers and investors against the continued credit squeeze.

Brussels, Aug 28.—European community officials welcomed President Giscard d'Estaing's announcement last night of a coming French initiative for the political organization of Europe. Anything that tended to favour political, monetary and economic union was a "positive" step, they said.

Possible obstacles to progress were seen as a possible British election and Italy's continuing monetary problems.—Agence France-Presse.

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Belgium repatriates 105 'illegal' Pakistanis

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Aug 28

The Belgian Government today repatriated 105 Pakistani men who had recently entered Belgium illegally, mainly from Germany. With several hundred others, they had interpreted a well-meant Government attempt to regularize the position of clandestine foreign workers in Belgium as a general amnesty, and had hoped to obtain work.

Instead they were arrested in Brussels late on Monday night, and were held in the stables of the Brussels gendarmerie, where as a protest they refused food and blankets. Without consulting the Pakistan Embassy, the authorities put them on a Sabena charter flight to Karachi at 1 am today.

According to the Prime Minister's office, they had been deported to avoid their being shunted from one European country to another. A spokesman said that a few came from Britain and Switzerland.

A spokesman at the Pakistan Embassy said it was "extremely disappointed". Many of the people involved had been in Europe for over a year, he said, some legally.

He admitted that the Belgians had acted within their rights, but felt the incident left a bad taste in the mouth.

The influx of Pakistanis was *caused* by the Government demand last month that unemployed and unregistered foreign workers in Belgium should enrol at their local labour exchange within 15 days. Those with jobs had to be registered by their employers by October 31.

Word of this spread. But the Pakistanis failed to grasp that only those who could prove they had been in Belgium since April 1 could legalize their position. Entry of all further unskilled, non-EEC labour was meanwhile banned temporarily.

Normally there are very few Pakistanis in Belgium, but several hundred arrived soon after the Government announcement in the hope of obtaining work legally. Most left when they *realized their mistake.*

The 105 deported today were being housed in Brussels by the Flemish Student Association, which later described the police arrests as a fascist and illegal intrusion.

There are about 240,000 migrant workers in Belgium, of whom about 10,000 to 15,000 are estimated to be "illegal", largely because their employers wish to avoid paying social security contributions and normal wages.

Greek talks in Brussels on reviving EEC link

From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels, Aug 28

The Greek Government is continuing its intensive diplomatic campaign to reestablish close relations with the European Community.

Mr Sotirios Konstantopoulos, the Greek Chargé d'Affaires to the Community, today handed to the European Commission in Brussels a memorandum calling for the reactivation of his country's association agreement as soon as possible.

His meeting with M Claude Cheysson, the Commissioner for development aid, prepares the ground for one between Mr Mavros, the Greek Foreign Minister, and M François-Xavier Ortoli, the President of the Commission in Brussels next month. These talks have now been set for Tuesday.

Greece's treaty of association with the EEC, which came into force in 1961, was frozen after the military coup in Greece in April, 1967. It should have led to full membership of the EEC for Greece by the mid-1980s. This deadline is now not expected to be met.

M Cheysson also met the Bangladesh Ambassador to the Community today for talks about Community food aid.

The EEC, which has already earmarked about £14m worth of food supplies for Bangladesh in this year's aid programme, is speeding up deliveries of wheat and skimmed milk powder to the flood-stricken area. A total of 60,000 tons of wheat should reach Dacca during the last week of September and 3,450 tons of skimmed milk powder is expected to be available for delivery by the end of October.

French snub on farm subsidies

From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels, Aug 28

The French Government has rejected allegations by the European Commission that the payment of special subsidies to its farmers is a breach of EEC rules.

In a note to the Commission in Brussels, the French say the payments to their dairy and pigmeat producers were needed to forestall further serious unrest among the farming population.

They deny that the subsidies break either the Community's free competition rules or such sacrosanct principles of the common agricultural policy as community preference and standardized farm prices.

Delivery of the note is the second move in the legal proceedings initiated by the Commission against the French Government earlier this month. The case could end up in the European Court of Justice at Luxembourg.

But EEC farm officials expect the dispute to go no further than the next series of discussions among ministers of agriculture of the Nine in Brussels next month.

Under Community rules, EEC member governments have the power to authorize state aids if they are justified "by exceptional circumstances". In this event any legal proceedings opened by the Commission would be suspended.

A similar court action opened by the Commission against the Belgian Government over special payments for sows and additional aid for farmers in the poorer areas of the country, has not yet brought a reply.

Mr Albert Lavens, the Minister of Agriculture, is expected to outline his Government's case at a special emergency ministerial meeting next Tuesday.

The harmonization under a Community umbrella of all national measures taken by member governments to pacify their angry farmers, will be one of the main items on the agenda at that session, and at a second round of talks planed for September 23 and 24.

Humiliated by hard-pressed Corsican farmers the director of the island's agricultural service stands in an Ajaccio street, his office files strewn around him.

Airline strike proves too much for liberal Lisbon

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Aug 28

The Portuguese provisional Government has just published its strike-if-you-like law, making industrial and other strikes legal. Lockouts are also legalized, but the law bans strikes by military and militarized bodies, magistrates, police and firemen.

Publication of the law was announced just as the armed forces were being called to take over the Portuguese national airline, TAP, because of a strike by its engineering and maintenance staff. This has grounded practically the company's entire fleet since Monday and is costing £17,000 an hour.

British Airways and other foreign flights are not affected, except such aircraft as depend on TAP servicing. Up to late this afternoon no TAP flights left Lisbon except government chartered aircraft acting as troop carriers to bring the Portuguese forces back from Guinea-Bissau.

An official statement during the night warned the country that negotiations between the TAP workers and the Government on a new collective labour contract had been initiated some time ago and most of the workers' demands had been met. On August 19, however, a list of claims was presented directly to the company's management and, when rejected, the strike started.

With the airlift of troops from Guinea-Bissau in readiness for independence day liable to be endangered, the company was put under military orders as from last night.

The majority of TAP staff have denounced the strikers and called for an end to the strike and the resumption of negotiations with the authorities.

It is suggested in some quarters that the strike is more of a political manoeuvre by an ultra left-wing minority of workers than a plain wage demand. A notice distributed by the strikers to the press alluded to the flying staff, which is not on strike, as "a small bourgeoise aristocracy with high wages".

Frelimo section offers Lisbon cooperation

Lourenço Marques, Aug 28.—Representatives of the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) in the northern Cabo Delgado district today announced that they had decided to cooperates with the Portuguese authorities.

They also plan to set up a "people's tribunal" to bring to trial small groups of people who have been attacking townships and looting, and punish them, a statement communiqué said.

The reports, which reached here from the town of Pôrto Amelia, said Frelimo wanted all white traders to stay in Mozambique. They should help Frelimo, which was not fighting against whites but rather against exploitation.

Lisbon, Aug 28.—Socialists, communists and democrats in Portugal's new coalition Government today unanimously expressed their satisfaction at Monday's agreement by Portugal to recognize Guinea-Bissau's independence next month.

Senhor Santos, Portugal's Overseas Territories Minister, and Dr Soares, the Foreign Minister, are to go to Guinea-Bissau to complete the process of the territory's independence, President Spinola was quoted as saying today.

Lisbon newspapers quoted him as denying reports that he would go to Guinea-Bissau himself on September 10.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Portugal is to nationalize issuing banks

Lisbon, Aug 28.—The provisional Portuguese Government announced today that it intended to nationalize three issuing banks: the Banco de Portugal, the Banco de Angola and the Banco Nacional Ultramarino. All are joint stock companies with private shareholders.

The first issues banknotes for Portugal itself, the second for Angola and the third for other overseas territories.

The banks have always been instruments of government policy. The main significance of the announcement was that the private shareholders would receive compensation for their holdings from the Government, economic observers said.

As Portugal has recognized the right of its overseas territories to independence, the future of the Banco de Angola and of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino as issuing banks is in doubt, the observers said.

The decision was taken by a Cabinet meeting last night. The Government said that it was beginning to discuss the necessary measures.—Reuter.

EEC pledge to cut imports of U S food

From Frank Vogle
U S Economics Correspondent
Washington, Aug 28

Mr Pierre Lardinois, the European Comisioner for Agriculture, stated in Washington today that the European Community would voluntarily seek to reduce its agricultural imports from the United States, in view of the drought that had seriously reduced the United States harvest.

He was hopeful that a reduction in community imports of "aproximately 10 per cent" would be possible. Last year the Community took about 11.6 million tons of United States feec grains, officials of the Agriculture Department said.

Mr Lardinois admitted tha the American drought woul produce some increases in foo prices in the EEC, but he adde creases will be greater th those that will be seen in t United States".

He was addressing a pr conference in Washington aft two days of talks with Mr E Butz, the United States Se tary of Agriculture. Both that the talks had been friendly. Mr Butz noted "our discussions simply force m yearlier statements there is no reason for p about the food situation and in the rest of the wor

He added that the U States was not contempl any form of export cou "We are going to be i export markets and we goine to remain a cre supplier to the world mar

Mr Lardinois said that adjustments would be ma the EEC livestock prod and in the use of wheat. would partly offset som ductions in imports fro United States. He woul making proposals to the Council of Ministers on to reduce corn consum within the Community.

The EEC would in the c months be careful with it's exports. The Commission also seek to encourage far to reduce the production pork and poultry. The C munity already had a probl with some meat prices that w too low.

Reduced production resul in lower needs for feed gr coupled with good harvest the Community, would en that the EEC did nor fac serious crisis as a result of American drought.

Mr Lardinois pointed out "75 per cent of our grai already harvested with v good quality and in better qua tity than ever before".

He told Mr Butz: "We ar the oldest and most reliable c your customers and we hop you will remain our m reliable supplier." Mr Butz g assurances that this would the case.

Both men were questione food aid policies, in view of reduced levels of produc and attempts by governmen curb public expenditure.

Mr Lardinois said that Community's food aid gramme for the current would be about $300m (£130m). "We aim to this in two years. . . . We the view that this is neces when one million tons of w can potentially save the of seven million people."

Mr Butz hoped that United States food aid gramme would total $1,000m in the current compared with $800m last Because of price rises, how the actual tonnage of the gramme might not be g than last year.

Eight Nato nations plan big maritime exercise

By Our Defence Correspondent

Eight of Nato's 15 member nations will conduct an important maritime exercise in Northern Europe in the second half of September. It promises to be the biggest of its kind since Strong Express two years ago.

Called Northern Merger, it will last for two weeks and will take place in the North Sea, the Norwegian Sea, the Channel and adjacent land areas. Nato's three main commands will be involved.

The exercise, as in Strong Express, will include submarine warfare, mine warfare, control of merchant shipping and air and anti-aircraft operations. There will be landings by marines from Britain and Holland.

Naval units taking part will include aircraft carriers, guided missile cruisers, frigates, destroyers, minelayers and minehunters, amphibious assault carriers, submarines, hove craft, fast patrol boats ar merchant vessels. Aircraft wi range from supersonic fighte to long-range patrol aircra and helicopters.

Countries taking part will Britain, Belgium, Canada, De mark, West Germany, Holla Norway and the United St

The exercise will empha the importance of Nato's no ern flank and the concern for it by Nato commander the face of overwheln Russian superiority

Our Brussels Correspond writes: Two Nato annual e cises in the southern Me ranean planned for this a have been abandoned be of the tensions between C and Turkey, both of whic members of Nato.

A spokesman at Su Headquarters Allied Europe (Shape), near M Belgium, said that the si made it impossible to go

Brandt aide was given 'white card' clearance

Bonn, Aug 26.—Günter Guillaume, the allegedly self-confessed East German spy, had a "white card" clearance in the files of West German counter-intelligence when he penetrated the inner circle of the Bonn Government, an investigating commission was told today.

Dr Johann Hermenau, former department director of the Counter-intelligence Bureau, said the "white card" system, which was taken over from the British when the bureau was formed 20 years ago, meant that nothing was known against the person concerned.

He was giving evidence to the parliamentary commission investigating the spy scandal which forced Herr Brandt to resign as Chancellor last May. Herr Guillaume had been his personal aide.

Dr Hermenau, who ackn ledged giving Herr Guillau security clearance, said he co not recall whether counter telligence had been given a in 1954 and again in 1956 to effect that he had been infilt ted into West Germany as long-term agent.

A colonel of the Federal I telligence Service (BND) h said that a warning about He Guillaume given nearly 20 yea ago, shortly after he first car to theh West posing as a refu gee, was only recently passed o to his department.

Evidence from the other branch of *West German* Intelli gence, the Counter-intelligence Bureau, has disclosed that this warning was received by Department IV, responsible for espionage, but was not entered in the central card registry.—Reuter.

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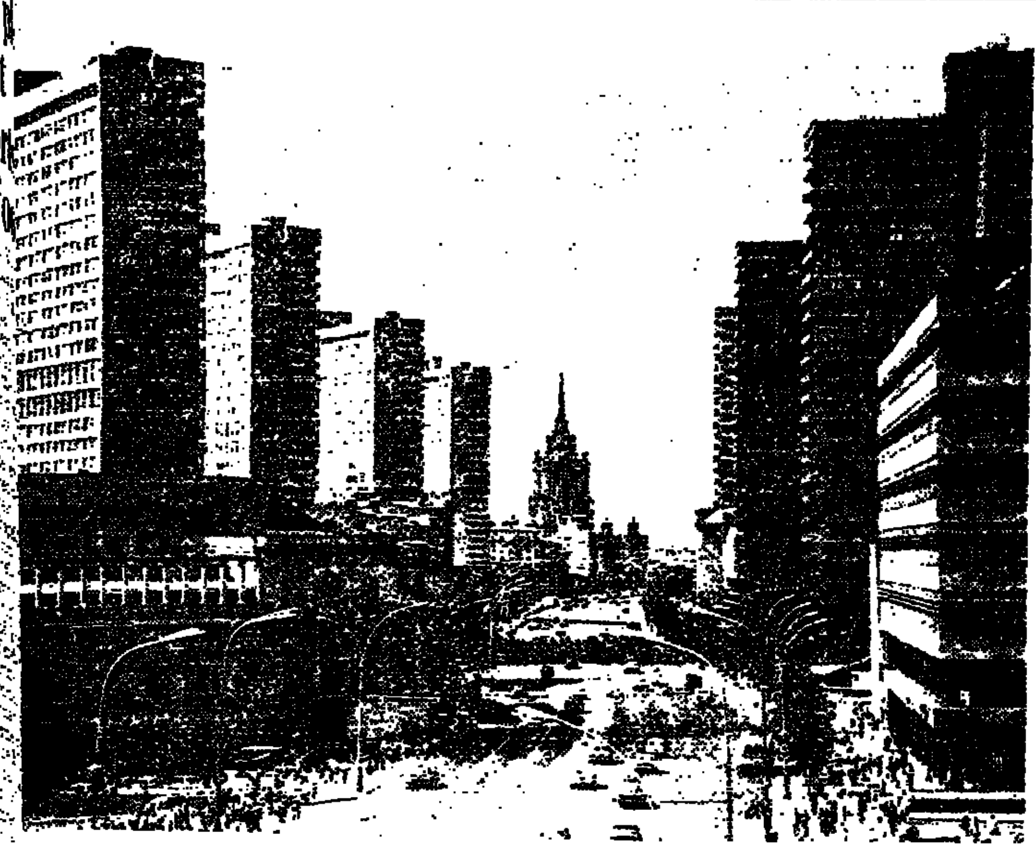

birthday cake architecture of the old Ukraine hotel in the background
s the city away as Moscow, viewed along westernized Kalinin Prospekt.

r Sadat ys Russia oke its ms pledge

o, Aug 28.—President today accused the Soviet of failing to honour last arms commitments to He told Egyptian newseditors that "besides the of arms during October, l not receive any of the that should have been d to us by the end of ear, according to con- ' signed with the Soviet

said, too, that the Rus- did not "replace our n war planes during the

dent Sadat said he in- to resign as Prime r, a post he has held March last year, but did when

t, Aug 28.—King Faisal i Arabia has hinted that reduce his efforts to Arab oil prices unless ited States puts more e on Israel for a Middle ace settlement.

ndustry sources said that ning was sent in a mes- livered to President Ford hington last night by Mr al Sakkaf, the Saudi *Minister of State for* Affairs.—Reuter.

Cypriot leaders fall out over UN call

From Peter Strafford

New York, Aug 28

Cyprus has asked for a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the situation of about 200,000 refugees said to have been driven from their homes as a result of the Turkish invasion. The meeting is expected to be held tomorrow.

Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General, of the United Nations, returned to New York last night from his trip to the area, and was taken to hospital almost immediately with an attack of severe gastritis. He is expected to leave hospital in a few days.

Nicosia: Mr Rauf Denktash, Vice-President of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot leader, challenged the right of President Clerides to take the island's problems before the United Nations. "Mr Clerides has no authority to call such a meeting without my approval or signature," he said.

Cyprus was reported to be "completely quiet" for the first time in several days as efforts intensified at the diplomatic level for a settlement of the crisis. "There have been no reports of firing for 24 hours," the United Nations peace force spokesman said.

New mainland Greek officers are being drafted into the Cypriot National Guard and moves are being made to disarm paramilitary groups in the island such as the extreme right-wing Eoka B.

The new officers will replace Greek officers associated with last month's coup against Archbishop Makarios and strengthen the hand of President Clerides.

A self-styled Eoka B officer suggested that Greek Cypriot guerrillas may attempt Palestine guerrilla commando-type tactics abroad to drive Turkish forces out of Cyprus.

Athens: Dr Kissinger, United States Secretary of State, has promised that the United States would take "drastic action" if Turkey tried to occupy more territory in Cyprus. "The United States favours an independent Cyprus," he added.

The warning was reported by the Washington correspondent of the daily *Acropolis*, who was present when Dr Kissinger received a delegation of Americans of Greek ancestry to protest against his alleged anti-Greek bias.

Istanbul: Mr Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, told a cheering crowd today: "The Cyprus operation was not a conquest but a national duty. Furthermore it was a duty towards humanity. It is now easier to obtain a definite result in Cyprus."

Greeks try to find the cost of revolt

From Mario Modiano

Athens, Aug 28

Eight months after the Polytechnic Revolt which began a chain of events leading to the collapse of the Greek dictatorship, the cost in lives is still not known. The official list gave 13 dead, but rumours spoke of hundreds, many buried in mass graves.

The Ministry of Public Order has begun a discreet inquiry to find the facts about the eventful week between November 17 when police guns and army tanks quelled the student-worker rebellion in central Athens, and November 25 when the military police of Brigadier Ioannidis, moved in and seized power.

Rumours that more than 13 died were denied by the then government, whose chief spokesman challenged anyone to report unrecorded casualties to the International Red Cross in Athens.

It was later found that the International Red Cross office in Athens had been closed since 1971. But those who claimed there had been many more victims have not come forward, although the Greek newspapers carry frequent reports about the "epic of the Polytechnic".

The first call for the immediate return of King Constantine to Greece came today from Mr Spyros Theotokis, a former Greek Foreign Minister, who returned to his native Corfu after seven years of self-imposed exile abroad.

Mr Theotokis said that while support for the Government of Mr Karamanlis in this critical hour was a duty, he believed that it was unacceptable that the King should remain in exile when Greeks, one by one, were returning to the homeland.

"I believe the King should return at once and the Greek people should be called upon later to declare its will on the constitutional issue, just as the King himself has asked", Mr Theotokis added.

The Karamanlis Government has restored the 1952 constitution which proclaims Greece a monarchy but has held the provisions concerning the King in abeyance. It has promised to allow the Greeks to determine the future of the monarchy by vote.

King Constantine, who fled the country on December 13, 1967, after an attempt to overthrow the dictatorship, lives in England. The monarchy was abolished on June 1, 1973, by the then dictator, Mr George Papadopoulos, who proclaimed himself President of the republic.

lemma for Britain on unwanted Asians

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since restrictions were ed in the Immigration sed by the last Labour nent in 1968. Although ails have been kept a ecret, even from the *ts* and their legal it is understood to tain in breach of three provisions of the con- These are Article 14, that there shall be no nation on the grounds , colour or national Article 3 which pro- dividuals from degradtment, and Article 8, uarantees the right to fe.

ritish Government now e dilemma of upsetting tners in Europe by to compromise or g the immigration laws potentially unpopular repercussions. As a ace relations experts *in* expect any move to held until after a gen- tion.

Labour Party's firm nent to oppose restric- the free entry of East Asians is clearly stated pposition Green Paper d in 1972. One impor- commendation stated: propose that United citizens of overseas who have no colonial, r other citizenship have the right of free Britain on the same other United Kingdom

London a minister d that there was con- pressure inside the ntary Labour Party to e clause implemented. becomes an election should pressure heavily our position clearly he said. "The present nt of the East African assport holders is both wrong and out of line international agree-

90,000 Asians remain enya, some 24,000 hold passports and the even- nt to settle in Britain; present rate of entry it e about four years to e backlog. In addition, er 15,000 British pass- olders are living in ring Tanzania, some he possibility of impris- because of the loss of rmits and the delay in lowed to enter Britain.

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know that we are only itizens and there cannot than a handful of us not realize that the will be on the wall one he owner of a bustling Nairobi photographic shop said. "What we don't know is when or where we will all go."

As a result of British fears of a mass Asian influx, the number of entry vouchers issued to heads of families in a year is limited to 3,000 which is shared throughout all parts of the world except India, which gets 500. Most go to Kenya, but the exact total remains a closely guarded Home Office secret.

At any one time more than 2,000 British Asians are waiting in the queue here for their vouchers. Because of the system, the majority have to wait between a year and 18 months without employment, living on their savings or on charity. The men can be seen at any time of day loitering aimlessly around the shops where they used to work before their licences and permits were withdrawn as part of Kenya's Africanization policy.

Recent attempts have been made by the British High Commission to alleviate the problem of the destitute, who are supposed to move to the head of the queue. But the problem has not been solved completely. In the biggest Hindu temple in Mombasa, one room is piled with sacks of rice and flour used to provide a subsistence diet for the 150 British passport holders who have no other means of support.

These families live in small rooms in the old quarter of the town and are provided with a monthly allowance of £18 to cover rent and school fees. Few have any certainty about when they will receive their voucher.

Many Asian community leaders are highly critical of the attitude of the British High Commission, whose seven immigration counters are besieged daily by scores of passport holders with little understanding of the labyrinthine regulations which govern their future. The leaders accuse the British of discrimination and individual officers of deliberate obstruction.

These claims are denied vigorously by the High Commission staff, who maintain that every effort is made to keep the queue moving as swiftly as possible. But one high ranking official in the immigration section admitted that he did not think that British public opinion would tolerate the continuing influx of Asians for much longer.

"The biggest mistake was made in 1947 when I was still a young naval officer", he told me. "Attlee started to give India away as fast as he could without enough proper thought for the future. As a result, far too many loopholes were left to allow these people into Britain."

Among the passport holders themselves, the commonest complaint is the enforced unemployment which causes a general air of demoralization and wastes funds which they believe could otherwise be used to give them a fresh start in *Britain*.

Mr Mohander Kalsi was a professional hunter until his permit was withdrawn, and has been waiting for more than 10 months for his entry voucher. A tall and articulate man of 41, he maintains that during that time he has spent most of his savings supporting his wife and six children. "When I eventually get to England, I shall have no money left at all", he said. "Which means that I shall have no alternative but to go and live with my brother in Leicester—although I know it is overcrowded and that the people do not want us there."

It is not difficult in Kenya to find British citizens whose living conditions are much worse than those of Mr Kalsi and the middle class Asians like him who have maintained sufficient funds to see them through the waiting period.

The poor contrast sharply with the affluent businessmen still making profits and incurring increasing resentment from the Africans badly hit by inflation. Earlier this month a severe Government warning was issued to Asian traders who tried to stay in business after their licences had been withdrawn.

Mr Khadim Mir has been out of work since his job as a railway maintenance engineer was Africanized early in 1966. Since then he has been struggling to convince the British High Commission that his colonial passport entitled him to a passport proper and the right to live in Britain. Last month, after help from a Labour MP, he finally succeeded—and now faces the prospect of at least another year's enforced idleness before his voucher is granted.

Like many other Asians in Kenya with nationality problems, Mr Mir clutches on to anything which he thinks might help to prove his stake in Britain. In his case it is a battered cardboard box of Second World War medals and a faded orange Army record book to prove that he served with the British Army in the Burma campaign.

In a cramped two-room flat, he now waits with his wife and three teenage sons for the arrival of definite news about his voucher; his savings have long since been eroded in his eight years of unemployment, and he now lives on a pension of £17 a month and an allowance from his brother.

As British citizens, none of his sons can get jobs or learn a trade. "All we can do is sit around and dream of England", the eldest said. "It is not much fun without money, but at least we know we will get there in the end."

The Asians in Kenya who are in the worst position are those British subjects who have lost their documents and are unable to prove their nationality to any of the relevant authorities. Like the stateless refugees left in European camps after the Uganda crisis, they remain unwanted by every government.

In the suburb of Pangani, only a few minutes drive from the towering office blocks of central Nairobi, Mr Bhatti Shandim lives in squalor with his bedridden wife and six children. His colonial passport (containing the stamped insertion "British Subject by Birth") was stolen during a robbery in the mid-1960s. With it went all his other personal documents and any apparent chance of persuading the British Government to look into his case for a voucher.

On the day I visited their communal lodging, the Shandim family had not eaten food for 24 hours. Without proper clothing and sharing filthy makeshift bunks, all eight—including a pretty 19-year-old daughter—lived in a stone-floored room measuring 18ft by 8ft. There was no electricity and the only sanitation consisted of three blocked toilet holes shared with more than 80 other people. Flies and vermin were everywhere and the entrance steps covered in vomit.

In spite of repeated requests to the High Commission, Mr Shandim—at one time an expert fitter—cannot persuade anyone there to review his case or even search for his name on the records. Prevented from working because of his lack of citizenship, he lives by begging and the occasional food donation from friends. Pointing to his undernourished family, he said: "If someone doesn't agree to look for that file soon, I am afraid that we will all die in this place."

With the shortage of expert welfare bodies, the language difficulties and the heavy burden on the High Commission staff, one of the main problems of the British Asians here is lack of information. There is widespread ignorance about conditions in Britain, about the complex details of immigration law, the reasons for its imposition and about the negotiations now taking place in Strasbourg to bring it into line with the Human Rights Convention.

Nowhere was this more apparent than in a small flat in the shadow of Mombasa's sports stadium, where Mrs T. Nabathia, a widow and her four children were busy packing in preparation for their journey to England—their voucher safely secured.

"We have only got about £50 between us and no house to go to in Britain", she told me. "But my relatives assure me that for the first few months we will be able to live in one of those camps which your Government built for the refugees from Uganda."

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'Homelands' leaders say Britain is too aloof from affairs of emerging black S Africans

By Jerome Caminada

An African who is one of the leaders in the "homelands" in South Africa stood up in London yesterday and asked: "What is wrong with Britain?".

He was speaking at a press conference at which his questioners tried to press home the familiar interrogation on the faults of the system in South Africa. But for the time being it was Britain which was in the dock.

"There is something that confuses us here," the African said. "We now see Britain grinding itself economically to a halt. We wonder whether democracy is failing."

The speaker was Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi, Chief Minister of Gazankulu Homeland in the north-east corner of Transvaal, where about 800,000 Shangan *people* live. He *was* formerly professor of Bantu languages at the Bantu University of the North in Transvaal. He left academic life for politics because of repeated criticism from the whites that educated Africans were not active enough on behalf of their own people.

So did the other homeland Chief Minister who was at the press conference, Dr Cedric Phatudi, who handles the affairs of the Lebowa Homeland, farther to the west in Transvaal. Dr Phatudi was born where he *now works, but* for 25 years he was an inspector of education among the Africans who live and work in Johannesburg and who are a totally *separate* problem from the homelands.

One criticism both men had of Britain was that she was not doing nearly enough to help *African* education in South Africa. They repeated the arguments in a letter published in *The Times* yesterday, which said that British universities did not offer scholarships to South African black students, as American and German universities did, and that professors from Britain did not go on an exchange basis to South African black universities, as did professors from Holland and the United States.

Each self-governing homeland territory, said Professor Ntsanwisi, had been told by the South African Government to teach in its own language for the first eight years of school, but one by one all were scrapping this idea. They were making English the medium of instruction after the first four years.

"Does this mean nothing to you, the British people?" asked the speakers.

Dr Phatudi: "Britain is not doing nearly enough."

Professor Ntsanwisi: "Something in Britain confuses us."

The two men, one a plumpish looking professor and the other a leaner former civil servant whose enthusiasm gradually overcame his cautious Civil Service training, were both explicit too, that the homelands, which now total eight, would be glad to accept foreign aid although not from any quarter.

Dr Phatudi explained that the South African *Government intended* to introduce legislation to allow the homelands to negotiate aid direct with the outside world, and to his sur*prise it had agreed to* guarantee repayment of such loans.

How would this work out if the World Council of Churches and China offered such help, the press and radio representatives asked. *Professor Ntsanwisi* answered this bluntly. The World Council of Churches, being opposed to the idea of homelands, "will not bother to give us any loan", and the homelands were not going to apply for any money from China or any other communist source.

But if the rest of the world offered help, the homelands would fight tooth and nail for the right to accept it as they wished.

Are the homeland leaders, then, stooges of the South African Government? Most of the questions put yesterday were framed round this thought, although it was not expressed openly.

If, as one of the two speakers had said, they did not "sing the chorus of separate development", why did they cooperate with the South African Government's policy at all?

Their reply was that they took the machinery offered, and tried to use it to bring about necessary changes. Change was taking place in South Africa; there was a little flexibility now. The task was to educate white South Africa and the world that the changes were coming and must be accelerated.

The homeland leaders stood for cooperative not separate development. Separate development had much on the debit *side, but it had made a platform* for the Africans to voice their views. There was a time when yesterday's speakers could not have been in London, speaking *as they were doing.*

The contribution of the white man was as vital in South Africa as that of the black man, but he must be prepared to share. This he did not want to do. The homelands were not going to accept independence in the form presented to them today; the first priority was to get more land and consolidate the homelands, instead of their being fragmented as they were now.

African youth regarded the homeland spokesman as being too slow, and the Government thought they tried to move too fast. Both were wrong; they were balanced. Neither whites nor blacks wanted bloodshed. "Other people might like to shed our blood, but we won't do it."

The last time the homeland leaders had a press conference in London, one of them asked his questioners what they would do if they were one of the white minority in South Africa. The only answer offered was "emigrate".

Yesterday Professor Ntsanwisi asked one of his questioners what he would do in his own position in South Africa. This time the only reply was, "That *is a very unfair question*".

Mr Kirk told by doctor to rest for six weeks

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, Aug 28

The health of Mr Norman Kirk, the New Zealand Prime Minister, continues to give cause for concern. He was admitted to *hospital today* and advised *to* rest for another six weeks. It is believed that his condition relates to a pulmonary ailment he contracted earlier this year.

Mr Kirk was to have returned to his office today after an absence of 10 days caused by what was described as gastric influenza. The Prime Minister, who is 51, has been unwell since April when he entered hospital for varicose vein surgery on both legs.

In early May his office disclosed that a blood clot had settled in his right lung giving rise to a condition similar to pneumonia with the development of acute pleurisy. Mr Kirk rested at home until his appearance at the last day of the Labour conference in May. His drawn appearance worried delegates.

However he had abandoned a walking stick when he attended the beginning of the resumed parliamentary session on May 28. Subsequently he had minor surgery for a toe complaint. He has not however regained his full vigour and critics say that the Government's performance has suffered as a result.

It is now regarded as unlikely that Mr Kirk will represent New Zealand at the General Assembly of the United Nations next month. There is also doubt *about his proposed visit to the* Cook Islands for the South Pacific conference in October.

Mr Kirk's convalescence may keep him from playing a full *host role during the visits next* month of Tun Abdul Razak, the Malaysian Prime Minister, and of the Shah of Iran. Mr Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, plans to visit New Zealand in October.

Mr Hugh Watt, the Deputy Prime Minister, tonight announced a minor redistribution of the Cabinet workload. He dismissed rumours that Mr Kirk was suffering from an incurable disease.

Rhodesia 'will need army of specialists'

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Aug 28

A Rhodesian member of Parliament today called *for* highly paid specialists to be used to fight in Rhodesia's border war against guerrillas.

The MP, Mr Andre Holland, told *parliament* that he believed the war would reach its peak in the next 18 months and would be fought between brilliant trackers who were masters in the art of *skirmishing*.

Specialists in the art of anti-terrorism were required and such men could not be bought for 200-300 Rhodesian dollars a *month*. He *suggested* a much larger daily battle allowance for these experts. A larger regular army of specialists would be far more efficient than territorials *who were called up*

The six independent black MPs have united under the leadership of Mr Ronald Sadomba, a former member of *the African* National Council executive. They have not officially formed a party but said in a statement that they would not be part and parcel to any*thing* divisive to the black national cause.

Mr Micah Bhebe, the sole Centre Party MP announced today that he was now an independent.

Royal Navy calls at Cape Town

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Aug 28

Nine Royal Navy warships arrived today at Cape Town for exercises with the South African fleet. They gave South Africans the biggest demonstration of British sea power for years.

There has been no official visit to South Africa by a Royal *Navy ship since* the British Government diverted the royal yacht Britannia to St Helena earlier this year while she was returning from a holiday cruise *for Princess Anne.*

The British Government's policy has been to restrict calls by British warships at South African ports. The move has prompted the South African authorities to question whether the Simonstown agreement, under which the Royal Navy is provided with facilities at the naval dockyard near Cape Town, is worth the paper it is written on.

The small South African Navy *badly needs exercise with North* Atlantic naval forces to keep up its efficiency.

The British flotilla today was led by the guided missile destroyer *Fife, flying the flag of* Rear-Admiral R. P. Clayton, Flag Officer Second Flotilla, and the frigates Scylla, Londonderry and Ariadne.

The rest of the task group comprised the frigates Danae and Argonaut and the fleet replenishment vessels Tidespring, Tarbatness and the tanker *Tidereach*.

Admiral Clayton told reporters in Cape Town that there was a build-up of Soviet warships in the Indian Ocean and that the Royal Navy *felt it* "should take a watchful interest in the situation".

Asked if he had instructions from the British Government to play *down the exercise with* South Africa, he said: "All I have been told is that we are to carry on with the weapons *training as planned.*" *Exercises* of this nature helped "both sides".

The arrival of the British flotilla has already been *attacked by Russia. Admiral* Clayton declined to be drawn on the subject of whether the exercise might be the last of its kind. He said: "I'm just a *simple sailor and this sort of* decision does not depend on me."

'Double standards': Mr David Steel, the Liberal Chief Whip, *said in a press statement* that the joint British-South African naval exercises made a travesty of the Government's policy towards South Africa.

"*It is an outrageous demon*stration of double standards to condemn sports links and ceremonial visits, on the one hand, but condone military coopera*tion on the other", he added.*

In brief

Yard man heads Hongkong CID

Hongkong, Aug 28.—A Scotland Yard detective arrived in Hongkong today to take over as chief of the colony's Criminal Investigation Department.

Mr Nigel Howell, who is 45, was deputy head of a Scotland Yard squad handling specialized crimes such as dangerous drugs, counterfeiting and illegal immigration. He succeeds Mr John Lees, who is retiring this week.

Polish party leader to visit America

Washington, Aug 28.—Mr Edward Gierek, the Polish Communist Party leader, will make an official visit to the United States on October 8 at the invitation of President Ford, the White House said today.

Freedom deal refused

Rawalpindi, Aug 28.—Mir Ghausbux Bizenjo, former Governor of Baluchistan, and Ataullah Mengal, former Chief Minister, who are under arrest, have refused to give up their opposition to Mr Bhutto, the Pakistan Premier, in return for their freedom.

Independence move

Honiara, Solomon Islands, Aug 28.—Mr Solomon Mamaloni today became the first elected Chief Minister of the Solomon Islands, the British protectorate which hopes to become independent in the 1980s.

Show pavilion blaze

Moscow, Aug 28.—A flash fire today destroyed a central pavilion at the Sokolniki Park exhibition grounds in Moscow. Dozens of French, German and American *businessmen* and workers escaped by jumping through first-floor windows.

Seven Moroccans executed for part in uprising

Rabat, Aug 28.—Seven men *have been executed by firing* squad for their part in an armed uprising in the spring of last year against King Hassan of Morocco, defence lawyers said *today*.

The uprising was alleged to have been masterminded by leftist emigrés. The lawyers said the men were executed near Rabat yesterday.

Six of the seven were sentenced to death on January 18 after a two-day trial before a military tribunal. They were executed after the Supreme Court rejected defence appeals and King Hassan refused a pardon.

The seventh was convicted and sentenced to death with 15 *others by the same* tribunal a year ago. The 15 were executed last November but the remaining one had his execution stayed for further investigations. Executions now total 22 since the abortive uprising in March, 1973.

A total of 84 men have been condemned to death by the courts for their part in the uprising. A group of 64 fugitives were given the death penalty in their absence at a separate trial.

Among the fugitives is Muhammad Basi, a leader of the socialist opposition party, and described by the prosecution as the ringleader of the March rising.—Reuter.

Father-in-law of President is kidnapped

Guadalajara, Mexico, Aug 28. —*Four armed men today* intercepted the car in which President Echeverria's father-in-law was a passenger and kidnapped him.

First news of the abduction was from an anonymous telephone caller to the newspaper *El Informador*. Police said that Señor Zuno Hernandez's car was stopped by the four men who apparently pushed him into another car and sped off.

The main guerrilla group behind Mexico's many abductions in the past two years has been the so-called "Sept 23 Communist League," which has been particularly active in Guadalajara.—UPI.

Korea accuses Japan of unfriendliness

Seoul, Aug 28.—South Korea was urged today to break rela*tions with Japan if there was no* cooperation in the investigations into the assassination attempt on President Park Chung Hee.

The foreign relations committee of the *National Assembly*, conducting the inquiry into the assassination attempt, said that Japan should be branded as an "unfriendly nation" for stating that it was free from any "moral or legal responsibility".

The investigators accused Japan of taking a "lukewarm" attitude to allegations that Mr Mun Se Kwang, of Osaka, who was arrested for the killing of the President's wife, had been helped by people in Japan.

Osaka, Aug 28.—The Osaka district prosecutor today indicted a Japanese woman, Mrs Mikiko Yoshii, aged 23, in connexion with a forged passport which enabled Mr Mun Se Kwang to fly to Seoul on August 6.—Reuter.

Communists enter village on Cambodia border

Saigon, Aug 28.—Communist forces have penetrated a village 15 miles east of the provincial capital of Tay Ninh, *where* government troops have lost three outposts this month, the South Vietnamese command said today. But government forces *still* controlled the village, on the Cambodian border, some 60 miles north-west of Saigon.

Communist gunners fired hundreds of shells on government positions outside two district capitals just north of Saigon, for three days, wounding 15 government troops.

Further north, the command said, several district towns continued to be shelled south-west of Da Nang. There was little ground action in Quang Nam province.

A communist commando unit in an attack before dawn today on Pleiku airport in the Central Highlands blew up a supply depot and two guard towers. One man was killed and two wounded, a government military spokesman said.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

Phnom Penh, Aug 28.—*Ten* Khmer Rouge insurgents and one government soldier were killed in a battle near the district capital of Ang Snuol, 14 miles west of Phnom Penh, the Cambodian military command said today.

It also reported shelling by insurgents of the besieged town of Kompong Seila.

Military sources said the situation at Kompong Seila was deteriorating daily. About half the soldiers trapped there when the siege began 14 weeks ago had died of disease, been killed or wounded in battle.

South-east of Phnom Penh, the command reported that a large government operation to dislodge the insurgents from Anarea, between the Mekong and the Bassac rivers region, had encountered strong rebel resistance 13 miles from the capital.—AP.

Shopping around

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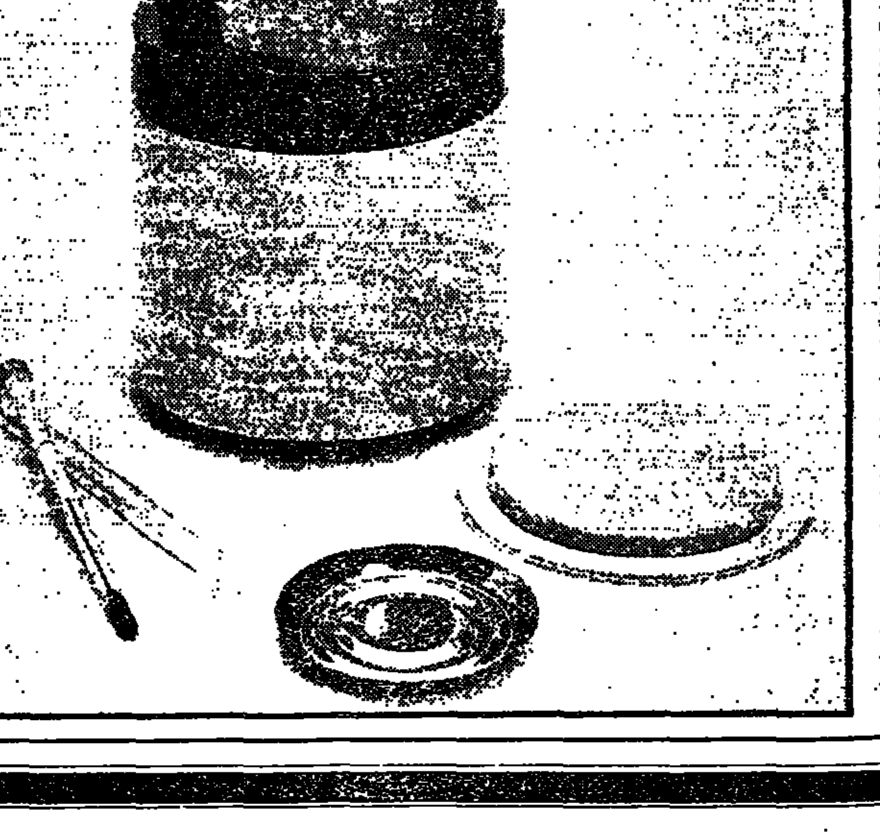


● I am enthusiastic about a neat a expensive yoghurt maker. It is so sim the photograph shows, that all you n store is one canister standing 6½in (including the handle) and with a dia of 5in at the base, which is fract bigger than the top. It is, in fact, an *wide-mouthed* container for snacks, to yoghurt. I know many people mak own yoghurt without special equipme some never manage it at all.

All you need as an extra is a sa and a small amount of natural yo Once you have the starter yoghurt keep *your own* going for as long like. The thermometer has two m on it, and the milk saver prevents over. The jar loses heat at the righ to give yoghurt within five hou electric, with nothing to go wrong, with a recipe booklet. Made of a magnolia-coloured plastic, it has bright red or blue lid and narrow pl match. The *standard* kit is £3.74 pl postage and packing. There is "Royal" kit, including two insulate tainers, for £5.24 plus 35p. A leaflet is able and the address is Deva Bridge PO Box No 5, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

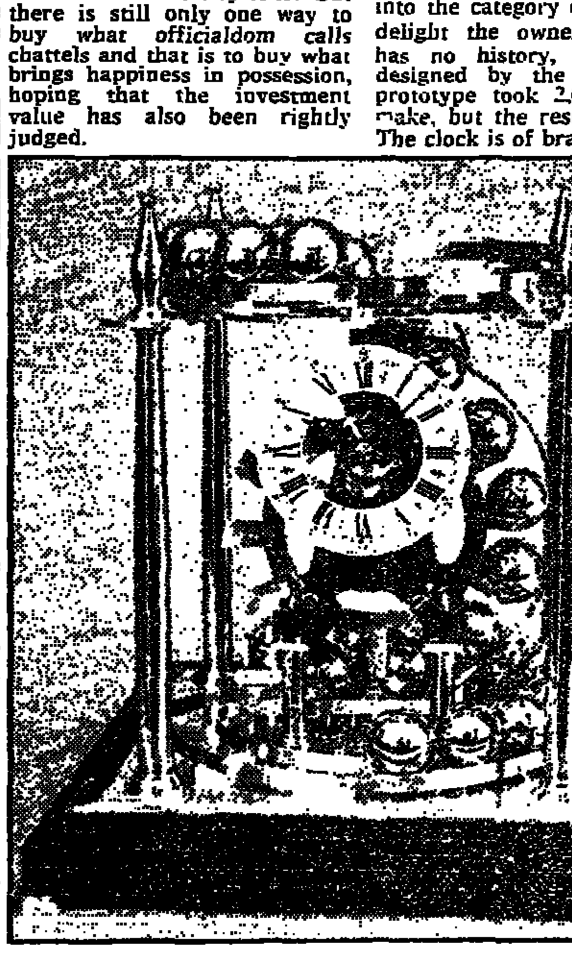
● Museum addicts might like to know that a new shop has opened at Victoria and Albert Museum (South Kensington, London). Nothing cheap and some of the prices are a bit terrifying. Run by the Crafts Advisory Committee, it sells pottery, wood, *glassware, embroidery, textiles and—on occasions —some furniture and tapestries.* You can buy a lot at about £5.50 but you will actually be tempted by the costlier things, I am afraid.

● From next Monday Mothercare will be reducing the prices of certain lines for six weeks. A reclining push-chair will be £10.50 (it was £13.50) and a cot with adjustable-height mattress case will be £15.50 (was £19.75). Useful numbers of *pence come off nappy liners, harnesses, carrycots,* and mother-to-be run-resist tights as well as off some toys, lotions and paints. Look out for the six-week bargains.

● Storage jars from the Gourmet Collection, by Libbey of Toledo (America), are safely stackable, *well designed, of good, clear glass and versatile.* Use them for decoration as well as storage. They look good as vases or display glass. Dahlias, just now, would be well set off. One large bloom, with the stem cut short so as to lie in shallow water, could be placed in each of two or three jars one above the other to make an unusual flower display. Small objects get brightness and an impression of magnification. Nice, too, for serving. Put the prawns in one large jar, and top it with the mayonnaise in a smaller one—adding, if you like it, the tomato-flavoured sauce in a third to dress up the table and save carrying three separate dishes. For kitchen storage, try varying shapes. Stand cinnamon sticks in a tallish jar, and top that with contrasting shapes and colours like sugar cubes if any, lentils, or coffee beans.

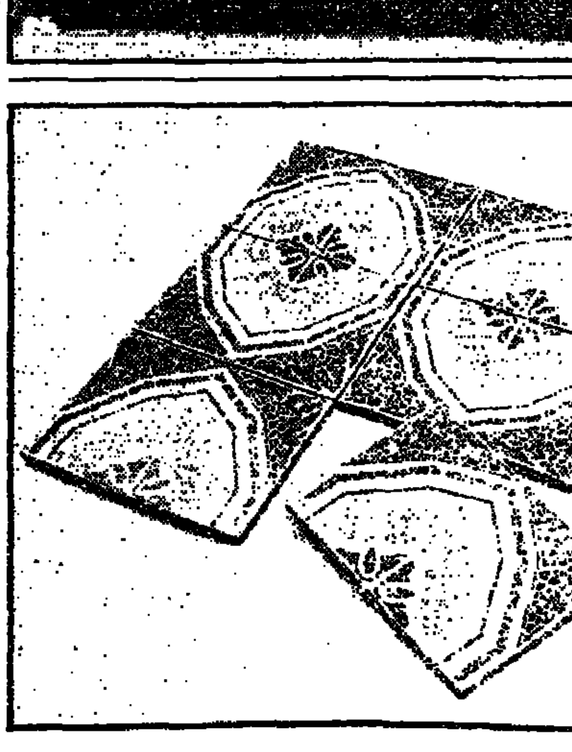
They are called the "Stack 'n Store Canisters" but canisters is an ugly word for these. Each sells with its own lid for separate use and there are four sizes. The 2½-in tall jar is £1.10; the 3½-in is £1.15; the 4½-in is £1.20; and the 5½-in is £1.25. You can buy the middle two sizes as a pair for £2.35. They are in most of the larger stores, I am assured by the importer, Henning Glahn, Randalls Road, Oak Close, Leatherhead, Surrey. Or you can be sure to buy them at the retail shop of Glahn at 16 Sloane Street, London S.W.1. It is another shop packed with temptation.

● *Collectors are still on the* trail of rare and valuable pieces. Who can blame them, with the stock market the way it is? But there is still only one way to *buy what officialdom calls* chattels and that is to buy what brings happiness in possession, hoping that the investment value has also been rightly judged.



Horological devotees and collectors of lovely things would put the Spheroid Weight clock into the category of things that delight the owner. The clock has no history, having been designed by the maker. The prototype took 2,000 hours to make, but the result is superb. The clock is of brass on a green velvet base on a rosewood plinth. But the movement is exceptional since it keeps time. You may say that is the object of clocks. It is, but the spheroid *weights, rolling balls and similar systems beloved of so many* experimental clockmakers were notorious for poor timekeeping. *The system on which this clock is based was first used by Jost* Burgi, a sixteenth-century clockmaker who made beauty but must have been late for all appointments since the timing was always bad. Thus this current version has been described as a horological wonder as well as a "masterpiece of modern sculpture". The maker tells me it should be priced at about £20,000; but, since his firm is composed more of craftsmen than business men, it will sell for £1,650 including personal delivery and setting up anywhere in Britain. The personal service is something in which the maker, Geoffrey Bell, believes. As an internationally renowned horologist and Livery*man of the Worshipful Company* of Clockmakers, he is proud of his reputation and believes that clocks like this will be unobtainable treasures *within very few years.*

Including the shade cover, the size is 15in high with a 13in square base. Delivery will be within three to four months, *and only the first 50* applicants who enclose cheques for £825 can be served. A month's notice of delivery will be given and the balance is then due. The address *is Geoffrey Bell and Co,* Forge Works, The Dean, Alresford, Hampshire (Alresford 3594).



●There really is nothing like the Mediterranean for making you feel good, even if it is only an echo of that sea on the kitchen floor. The "Nemi" tiles appeal to me because they are redolent of sunshine and cool feet on hot days. These are in a subtle combination of cool blue with light earth brown all on a pale, baked-beige ground. The tiles are not square but measure 8in by 6in and it takes two to complete one of those 10-sided patterns loved of the Romans. Best on larger rooms but lovely in most kitchens, Nemi works out fairly reasonably—for imported tiles of this quality—at around £8.50 per *square yard. In the Durissima* series, this tile is claimed to be so hard that there are neither renewal, repair nor maintenance problems. Not a DIY tile, *it should be laid by professionals.* The Ceramica Tile Centre is at 794 Fulham Road (Putney Bridge end), London, SW6, telephone 01-736 7251.

● A slice out of my *proves the sharpness* mandolin I praised last mandolin is useful if y slicing directly into the on to a board but it is als to have a cutter that neatly and firmly on to a tive bowl as the Salter pictured here. The M blade has three push adjustments for sh slicing or grating straig the bowl which makes incredibly versatile gad the price of £3.63 fro department stores and ha shops—sold complete w bowl, of course. Clea simple—immerse in ho water.

Handily, the Multicut into one compact uni Weighmix which, for tho do not know this really weighing machine, is that incorporates the the scales so that you add each ingredient into bowl as you go along. £5.65 (blue, white, ye orange bowls). If local are elusive, Salter Ho can be contacted at Carmarthenshire 2211).

● *Laura Warner* make work bedspreads by basing the design on American quilts and some lively results. He *work is different in* colours are planned materials chosen specific designs, unli patchwork made of scraps. Thus she is able by mail from a little colo logue featuring 14 patter will also take orders for colour schemes and for other than bedspreads covers, tablecloths and downs appear to be in You can buy the bedsprea £45 for singles and fro for doubles. Larger siz king-size beds cost £10 of width extra. They guaranteed washable cleaning. Laura Warner Lots Road, London SW *her telephone number* is 0080.

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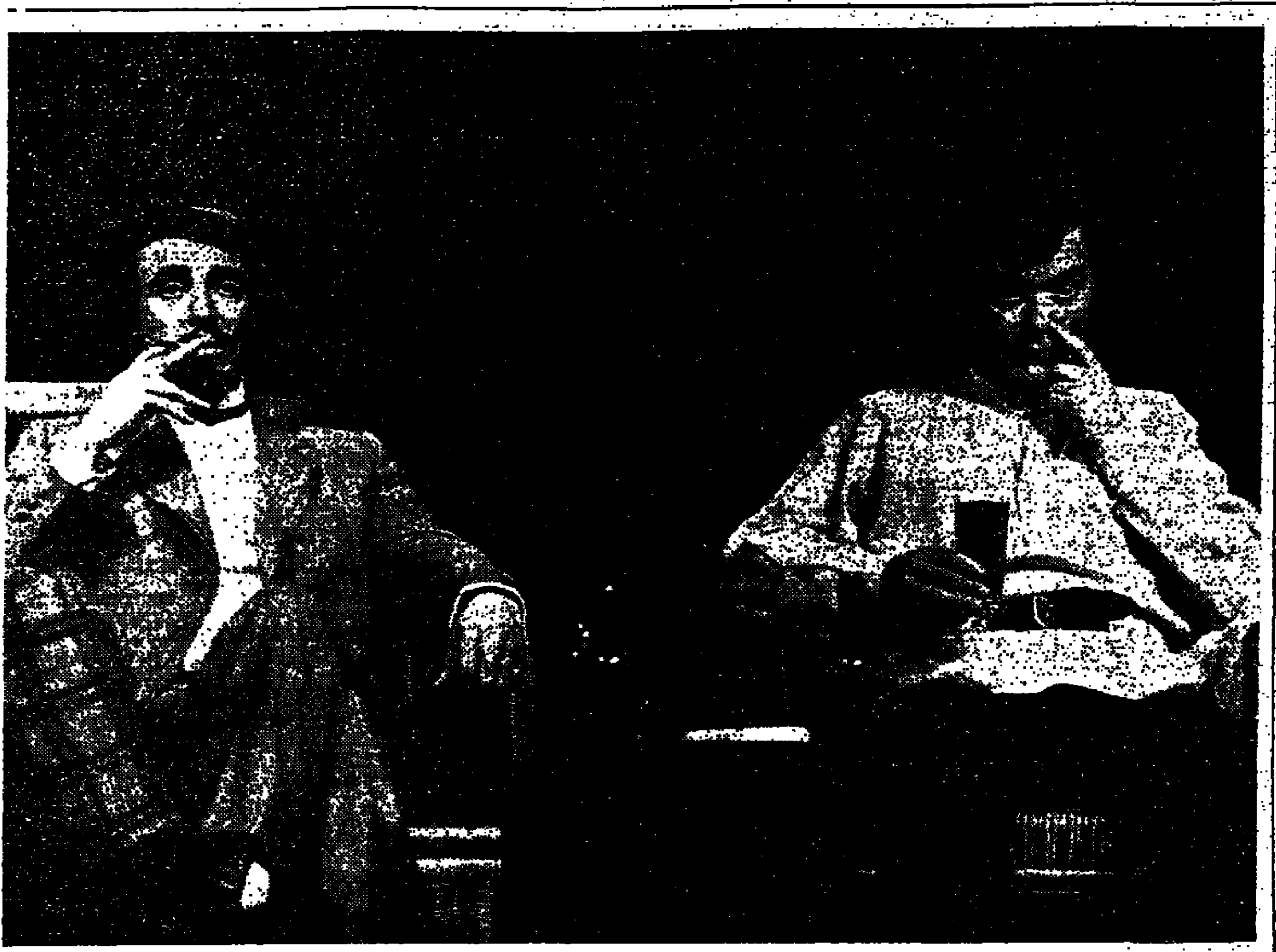

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Summerfolk

RSC Aldwych Theatre

Sheridan Morley

Summerfolk, which on Tuesday launched the new season of the *Royal Shakespeare Company* at the Aldwych, is the third of Maxim Gorky's plays to have been produced there by David Jones in as many years, and though as a play it may not be the strongest of the trio as a production it unquestionably is.

Written and set in 1904, less than a year after the premiere of *The Cherry Orchard* at the Moscow Art Theatre, it is to some extent about the inheritors of that orchard and about their failure to make it any more productive than their immediate predecessors did.

A novelist's play, slow and languorous with bursts of sudden activity, it opens like a Russian pre-revolutionary version of *Waggoners' Walk*: a huge number of characters are abruptly introduced, given a moment or two to establish some identity or at any rate a corner of our memory, and then shuffled off again like suspects at some bizarre identity parade.

Then, gradually, they are reintroduced and slotted into an elaborate stack of intricate family and neighbourhood relationships. These are the summer folk; lawyers, engineers, doctors, students, idling away a long hot vacation in country dachas before returning to whatever is the reality of their winter lives, though it is not until the end of the play that we learn why it is we are being asked to examine them so closely.

In the meantime the play unfolds like a compilation of all late nineteenth-century Russian drama: over here, the cynical but celebrated novelist from *The Seagull*; over there, the girl who wants to escape to the city from *The Three Sisters*, and, throughout, a feeling of an entire community trapped for a month in the wrong part of the country.

But Gorky is not Chekhov, nor Turgenev; true, his characters seem at first to have been cast in the same moulds, and the second and third acts are indeed spent in a Chekhovian haze as they sort themselves out into melancholy, ill-fated partnerships with the same air of romantic, self-obsessed gloom. There is even the requisite servant on the sidelines to comment, albeit briefly, on the futility and selfishness of his employers.

But then, hauling his characters and possibly some of his audience out of the deep torpor induced by these acts, Gorky gives us an electrifying finale in which he explains why we have been asked to revisit them.

These are indeed the inheritors of the cherry orchard. They represent not the last survivors of a dying aristocracy, but instead the pilots of a new generation: commoners, tied by blood to the earth, they have been sent ahead by the people to find a better world and instead have only managed to possess the old one. "We deserve our little torments", says the most outspoken of them in a final burst of fury, and her argument is Gorky's.

So far from pioneering a revolution they have settled for the middle-class lives of their predecessors. They have become intellectual mutes, crushed by their own inability to fulfil the promise of their initial breakthrough. True, they are aware of an outer reality, aware that theirs is not the only place to live, but the awareness is not enough, and the cherries are turning rancid in the orchard.

It's a bleak picture at the last, though the faithful can perhaps draw comfort from the fact that a year after the play was completed Gorky was organizing the march on the Winter Palace. Seen now, not as a historical treatise but as a social landscape, the play overcomes its longueurs to end as one of the most satisfactory in the RSC's recent programme.

With a large cast rambling and occasionally erupting through the settings of Timothy O'Brien and Tazeena Firth, one is aware throughout of a corporate triumph. If ever there was a company play this is it, though individual words have to be said for Norman Rodway's neighbourhood gossip, for Ian Richardson as the Trigorin figure, and for Estelle Kohler who, as Mikhailovna Varvara, finally faces the community with the truth and the extent of their own failure.

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Festival that gets the films

Through all the changes of personnel and purpose it has seen in 28 years, the Edinburgh Film Festival has remained the most intimate and enjoyable of all events of the sort. It is run by idealistic, lovely young people who can keep their cool through all the crises that afflict film festivals. (Apart from the usual menaces of local censors, this year directed towards Makavejev's naughty *Sweet Movie*, it looked at one moment as if the festival's premises were about to be snatched from them.) The audience is as young and serious and dedicated and alive.

They do get the films too: quite a lot of the best things that have surfaced at this year's foreign festivals have their British premieres in Edinburgh: Fassbinder's masterly *Fear Eats the Soul* (which will shortly open London's new Gate Cinema); Ranni Mollberg's *Earth is Our Sinful Song*; Alexander Kluge's *Occasional Work of a Woman Slave*; as well as Frank Vitale's odd, touching, inexpert bit of confessional autobiography *Montreal Main* (which I reviewed earlier this week from Locarno). Daniel Schmid's *jeu de camp La Paloma* and Peter von Gunten's *L'Extradition*, the last two both from Switzerland.

With Edinburgh's own discoveries you sometimes feel (as they used to say about dreadful birthday presents) that it's the thought that counts. A film may win its place merely with a cry of "Up the workers" or "Up the Revolution", or if it talks about militant students (Jean-Michel Carre's and Adam Schmedes's *Vincennes — Le Ghetto Experimental*) or militant feminism (Sylvia Spring's *Madeleine is . . .*) or abortion in France (Charles Belmont's and Marielle Issartel's *Histoires d'A*)—regardless of the quality of its statement. And of course this is an error and a misreading of the Vertovian doctrine. With propaganda films, above all others, the thought itself is never enough. The revolutionary film that has not the skill to address the unconverted as well as the persuaded is no revolutionary film at all.

A case in point is the Italian film, Giuseppe Ferrara's *Il Sasso in Bocca* (*The Stone in the Mouth*), one of a group of films presented in Edinburgh by The Other Cinema. This is a dramatized documentary about the history and operation of the Mafia, based on Michele Pantaleone's best-selling book. It has some startling things to say about the operation of the Mafia, the intimate links with American business and politics at the highest level (even Roosevelt's election, it seems, was not achieved without Mafia help), the involvement of Lucky Luciano with the American invasion of Sicily, the continuing collaboration between the Mafia and the CIA. It is all the kind of *exposé* which would have seemed merely absurd even a year or so ago, but has become all too credible since Warren and Watergate.

Yet the entire presentation of the film, the clumsy linking of actuality and inexpertly scripted and staged reconstruction (Neo-realism meet *The Godfather*), with chunks of Rosi's *Salvatore Giuliano* wedged between, effectively keeps the spectator in an uneasy state of suspended *belief*.

On the other hand of course we have the work of the Cuban Santiago Alvarez. I missed his feature-length documentary on the visit of Castro to Chile, on the eve of the catastrophe; but *El Tigre Salto y Mato, pero Morira, Morira* is a short film structured around four songs by Victor Jara, the folk singer who was murdered (after his spine had been broken and his hands crushed as punishment for *singing to his fellow-prisoners*) in the National Stadium of Santiago de Chile last September. This is a model of the agit-film, a miniature *Three Songs of Lenin*.

Also in the very first rank of political cinema is *Hearts and Minds* (which was originally reviewed from Cannes), directed by Peter Davis whose celebrated *The Selling of the Pentagon*, made for CBS, caused such pain to Spiro Agnew. This is a highly sophisticated examination not of the events but of the attitudes that led America into Vietnam and kept her there—"more psychological than political", says the author.

In the first rank of political *beings* is the phenomenal Izzy Stone, whose personality so completely dominates *I. F. Stone's Weekly* that you scarcely notice what an unassumingly intelligent piece of film-making this movie-portrait is on the part of Jerry Bruck Jr.

Stone was a top-line New York journalist until the witch-hunts put him out of a job. Stubbornly, since no one else would print him, he started his own four-page weekly which he wrote, published, proof-read and mailed himself. His devastating commentary on Washington and the world eventually reached one quarter of a million people. More significantly it reached the most important sectors of the establishment press. The secret of Stone's apparent scoops was not inside information, but the skill and patience and memory and perception to re-examine everything that happened and everything that was said, and to draw out of them the deeper significances that tended to pass his more hurried colleagues by. His ultimate and considered conclusion (even before Watergate) was that "Every Government is run by liars. Nothing they say should be believed". He has proved his point sufficiently to earn a good deal of hatred in Washington, but high honours from his profession. He finally gave up his paper after 20 years in 1971, to write for the *New York Review of Books*.

With his squeaky voice, steely grin, deceptively myopic eyes, the general aspect of a lost terrapin, and an alarming way of physically attacking the newspapers and reports that are his meat and drink, Stone is an irritating, hilarious, thrilling figure—a merciless, one-man national conscience.

In this country the National Film School appears to be developing as a stronghold of political cinema. Edinburgh showed three examples of NFS reportage: Nicholas Broomfield's *Behind the Rent Strike* (at Kirkby near Liverpool), and *Miner's Film* (about the three-day week); and *Free the Six*, signed by "The National Film School Newsreel Group" and made for and on behalf of the North Wales Defence Committee of the building workers imprisoned after the 1972 building strike, under the 1875 Conspiracy Act.

Edinburgh generally gave a good showing to off-beat British cinema. Commuting back and forth between the London films, I missed two of the features, Michael Joyce's *Nice Try*; and *Penthesilea*, directed by Laura Mulvey and Peter Wollen (author of the influential *Signs and Meanings in the Cinema*) and described as "a film in five sequences on the iconography of the woman as warrior". I would also have valued another viewing of the second film of Bill Douglas's haunting diptych (trilogy to be) on a Scottish childhood. *My Ain Folk*.

Bill Douglas's name appeared on the writing credits of another Scottish film about a very different sort of childhood, Michael Alexander's *Home and Away* (also supported by the British Film Institute's production fund). An evident tribute to Vigo's *Zéro de Conduite* in its treatment of the whimsical discontinuities of childhood thoughts and feelings, it is a sensitive description of a small boy's entry into a dreadful school hostel, and the crushing anxieties that come from loneliness and the failure of his estranged parents.

Behindert was made for German television by Stephen Dwoskin, the American underground director based in this country. I find the film a good deal more accessible and compelling than Dwoskin's earlier work, perhaps because it seems to be more liberated from the reticences of inhibition. It describes the confrontation of physical normality and disablement—specifically the handicaps of the director himself, whose legs, as the film unsparingly reveals, are useless and atrophied and must always be held in calipers. The film is patient and painful, frank and yet understated enough to suggest all sorts of significances and tones in the diary of a relationship with a girl who ultimately proves emotionally unequal to the confrontation.

David Robinson

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Out of the dream house

The Thirties Revisited

BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

"By the summer of 1940 no decade was deader than the 1930s, and let's hope they stay that way." René Cutforth had hung up his Granada clowning hat for this one, gazing with barely perceptible distaste at the vampires in Biba before seeking the safety of a squashy sofa whence to unfold a view of the Thirties that was rather too mild and familiar, but always spirited and entertaining. I missed the fanatic boffin-wit with which Tom Harrison, the founder of Mass Observation, considered the end of the decade in a recent *Horizon*, but Cutforth's humour, if blunter, is also *closer* to the ground. "So *that* was over, and a more suitable man found for the job": not bad, that, as a shrug for the palaver of the Abdication.

Film and poetry made the chief images of the time. Cutforth and his producer Lorna Pegram re-cast Mrs Simpson as Snow White (she was even considered to *resemble* Snow White) and had begun their programme with Shirley Temple appearing to wave at Stalin and Hitler, the first of whom certainly waved back. The Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*—unable, you remember, to reac a clear decision on anythin because he had straw where hi brain should have been—wa seen remarking to Dorothy a the fork in the Yellow Brick Road: "Some people withou brains do a lot of talking, don they?" and there followed shot of brainless talking not only b Hitler and Stalin but by Bal win, Lloyd George and Ramsa Macdonald as well—for Ramse Mac, indeed, Cutforth reserve his greatest scorn.

But there was little time f that, since he had undertak a pocket cultural history of entire decade. The abando ment of an indulgent person sensibility by the poets, wh looked like a reassertion of it the artists, the Means Te Jarrow, Munich, Spain, Russe Maugham, Orwell, Huxl Waugh, Gollancz, Priestley, a Rotha's ravishing *Face Britain*: there was so muc merely touched upon that t power of the more original pa sages—above all the faces in cinema audience illustrating perfection Day-Lewis's gre lines beginning "Enter t dream house, brothers a sisters"—was almost lost. T dream house was the dark hea of Cutforth's Thirties, and I sorry he had ever been temp outside it.

The Bacchae/ Pantomime

Assembly Hall, Edinburgh

Charles Lewsen

This double bill by the Actors' Company begins unhappily and ends joyfully. So let me as briefly as possible deal with Edward Petherbridge's production of Euripides's tragedy.

The battle between libido and repression hardly takes place, since the Dionysus of Mark McManus constitutes no kind of sensual incitement; the Bacchae of Paola Dionisotti, Sharon Duce and Sheila Reid look as abandoned as the ladies in a brassière advertisement; and the Pentheus of Robin Ellis looks, right from the start, a nicely adjusted and sexually fulfilled young fellow.

Now for the joy of the evening, the pantomime version of Jack and the Beanstalk, which, like a satyr play, is intended by Mr Petherbridge to send us away happy after the catharsis of the tragedy.

In fact, the cutting off of Pentheus's shop window dummy head had no cathartic effect on me. However, the removal the giant's vast papier ma one gave me enormous delig

Jack's victory was achie not in the person of the rol skating hero (Miss Duce) but a shadow puppet created Lotte Reiniger—and if Petherbridge deserves year's Golden Haggis for other reason, he deserves it bringing back this enchanti artist to our theatre. But the are so many delights in t economically, charmingly to story: Miss Reid and M Dionisotti make a most touchin pantomime cow, Juan Moren gives Miss Duce a compete and indeed hilarious juggl lesson, and (perhaps I got mo than I thought from the ju position of pantomime w Greek myth) Mr Ellis's D responds to the intrusion of broker's men with all hauteur of Penelope fighting her hundred suitors.

Mr Petherbridge make all children again with loving recreation of circus, ground and scenarios Debureau, cheerfully m the sound of a barrel organ roundabout with some music by Mike Oldfield Martin Duncan. Like all boldest acts of eclecticism, result is a work of real orig ality. I loved it.

New Scottish Music

Freemasons' Hall

William Mann

There have been protests from Scottish musicians in some past Edinburgh festivals that the programmes include too little Scottish music, even though the festival, as its masthead proclaims, is international. Peter Diamand has felt no qualms this year about representing one Scottish composer, Thea Musgrave, in three concert programmes, and Tuesday's concerts strongly featured good contemporary Scottish music.

In the morning recital by the New Music Group of Scotland the Musgrave work was the Second Chamber Concerto written eight years ago in homage to Charles Ives (it is his centenary this year) and reviving his cheerful reactionary Rollo to inject humorous irrelevance into a serious and brilliant musical discourse.

Something of the kind recurred in Thomas Wilson's cello sonata where, at one point, the argument between cello and piano provokes each performer to play on the other's instrument. This comedy is neatly prepared and given motivation by percussive effects and other unusual types of sound which are at variance with the *sober*, logical working out of a motto theme. The disrupt in this one-movement work to unity of feeling, not thought. It is a surprising a fascinating piece.

The sense of humour in t two works is important: Schubert, every valid co ser's music exhibits some of humour, even if on gentle whimsicality as her there in Martin Dalby's W *Music*, an atmospheric, ant work which relies on trumpet for its melodic f *Rebirth* by Edward McGu the morning's youngest co ser, hymns the revolution, Chinese and Irish musical tations which send his n inventiveness back to S Modality, retrogression i of progress.

The evening concert, same hall, by the Nash E ble under Elgar Howar cluded another Scottish Sebastian Forbes's Partita clarinet, cello and piano, a w of brilliance and passion. most remarkably of econom is eight years old now, fo young composer a long t ago; the models are obvio (good ones), the inconsistenc few, the musical virtues ma It was given a superbly conv ing performance by Antony P Christopher van Kampen Clifford Benson, one that m have shown how far the ta ted morning group still hav travel. In contemporary m the will may be admirable, the deed is something else.

BBC SO/Boulez

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Younger promenaders will remember Sir William Glock only as BBC Controller of Music, responsible for so much off-beat adventure at the promenade concerts over the past few years. But on Tuesday he was invited by his successor, Robert Ponsonby, to return to the prom platform, after an interval of 34 years, in his original role as pianist. Whereas in 1940 he appeared in a two-piano work by Lennox Berkeley, with the composer as partner, this time he played Mozart's E flat piano quartet, K493, with members of the Lindsay Quartet, who made so outstanding an impression at last year's Interforum in Hungary.

"One of Mozart's finest movements, and it forms the climax of the whole quartet", so Sir William's programme-note described the central Larghetto. The intensity of this music, coupled with scoring more in the nature of dialogue between piano and collective strings, certainly produced some of the evening's truest ensembles.

Acoustically, the Albert Hall is far from ideal for intimate chamber music, and in livelier outer movements string players (especial first violin) did not man project their tone in q figuration with the same tration as the piano, perhaps gets a bit more fair share of the fun a The finale, in particula reminder that Mozart was no mean virtuoso. He William's fingers foun incisive brilliance to mat perception when stressing monic surprises, or landma in the argument.

After confidential Mo *Mahler's Resurrection S* phony could have seemed inflated monster. That it d not was entirely due to Pier Boulez, whose gripping interpr tation totally avoided emoti inflation and all programm underlinings so as to d attention to Mahler's pu musical skill, not least matters of scoring.

The BBC Symphony Orche responded with exceptio clarity and precision; it was impressive in the stark, stabbi intensity of the first moveme as in the sinister understa ment of the second scherzo and much else besides. T BBC Choral Society and LP Choir sustained the finale slow, soft *misterioso* as beau fully as Felicity Palmer a Tatiana Troyanos caught t fervour of their solo music wi out a trace of over-ripeness.

The Connection

Hampstead Theatre Club's autumn season opens on September 10 with Jack Gelber's *The Connection*, directed by Michael Rudman.

The Connection, which is ing produced as part of Camden Jazz Festival, will h previews from September 5 September 9 and runs u October 5.

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acing the prospect of martyrdom

e Future of Violence

Gerald Priestland

mish Hamilton, £3.50)

trouble with books about nce is that they tend to d much of their time arsing everyone else's ion and Gerald Priestland's book suffers from the defect. He is one of the 's most experienced jour- ts, and has reported some he nastiest little wars of ast 15 years but none the we are taken for a hard sometimes tedious gallop gh the authorities.

usseau, Dostoievsky, sche—do people ever books about violence ut mentioning Nietzsche, use, Konrad Lorenz, t and Buddha? Che Gue- and other contemporary s make guest appear- together with the J theory of violence and "Amity = Enmity + hazard" ion—and all this before nd out where Mr Priest- thinks that the present f violence, particularly of ist violence, is going to ue to pay dividends.

many ways his is an un- ding book, not only se its subject is too large covered in just 171 pages y case comparatively lit- it is about the *future* of ce) but also because of itating habit of trying to t a world view of the t. He blasts away with barrels, unintentionally g to glib and easy conclusions. "Sharpeville, the Dublin Post Office, the Boston Tea Party, the Munich Olympic Massacre—revolutionaries have always recognized the baptismal significance".

This simply is not true: the 1916 uprising was certainly carried out by Irishmen claiming their support from unborn generations, but Munich was the culmination rather than the start of ritual violence. We have Mr Priestland telling us that "whether they are the Zionist Stern Gang, the Greek Cypriot Eoka, the Kenyan Mau Mau, the Algerian FLN, the Irish Republican Army, the Angry Brigade, the Uruguayan Tupamaros, the American Black Panthers, the Palestinian Black Septembrists or the Front Libre Quebecois, the dedication to violence is in strong part a substitute for religion". It seems a terribly dangerous generalization; does it really apply to the FLN, French Canadian extremists and Black September?

There are other unhappy conclusions. "The whole history of Ulster for the past 70 years and more", we are told, "bears witness to the self-perpetuating non-solution of violence." In the short term, one could argue quite the opposite. Was the Ulster state, with its built-in Protestant majority, not founded on the potential violence of the "loyalist" volunteers who resisted Home Rule? At the start of his book Mr Priestland is suggesting that the media have been made a scapegoat by people who believe that television and newspapers incite violence—why not blame the press for road casualties, he asks—yet scarcely 60 pages later he says "the media of publicity can turn the smallest gesture of defiance into a symbolic ceremony of worldwide renown."

After we have run through world wars and guerrilla wars and the nature of Man, Mr Priestland comes to a few conclusions, one of which is that we should pay a good deal more attention to the selection of our leaders and allow them plenty of holidays. The issue which seems to be facing western Europe is whether terrorist violence has confronted our ordered world with an almost unanswerable argument for giving in, and this remains largely uncharted. Is social democracy, like the Greek city states, going to fall victim to social systems based on force?

Mr Priestland's most worrying conclusion is that sooner or later someone will have to give the order to assault a hijacked airliner and that the free world should honour any victims as martyrs in the cause of freedom. "If men are ready to die for what is wrong, how can the right triumph unless its supporters are ready to die too?" he asks. That is not the kind of question put forward, when you are inside the hijacked plane waiting to be incinerated and it raises the one dilemma with which Mr Priestland ultimately fails to come to terms; the victims in such a situation would have no choice, and their martyrdom would be decided for them. This has nothing to do with the ideals of freedom about which the book talks at some length.

Robert Fisk

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Fiction

Happy Endings

By David Cook

(*Alison Press/Secker & Warburg*, £2.25)

A Lancashire actor and television writer, David Cook's first book two years ago, *Albert's Memorial*, was impressive for the tenderness, humour and fantasy it exacted from people in unenchanted places such as Willesden. This flair and respect for the awkward is considerably developed in his new novel.

It starts in the bad old days of 1951 in Preston. Morris is terrorized in the magistrates' court where he is told that he made Angela wish never to take off her clothes again. "Now that's going to be very inconvenient, isn't it?" he is asked. He is 12 and she is five; he thought he was being naturally playful when he undressed her but most adults didn't.

At a remand home where he is sent for "assessment", forlorn attachments between the boys become strident, and these are wryly and movingly described; later there are neat, evocative scenes of his father refusing to argue with anyone because it gives him indigestion, of his mother delivering milk in their prefab housing estate to pay off impossible debts, and of Morris digging fields of sugar beet with his fingernails for a gentleman farmer.

The book moves easily between the Fifties and Seventies. Stephen, a local art teacher, becomes troubled by his fondness for girl students numerically much younger than himself and his sympathetic wife tries to be a frump so he shouldn't be publicly blamed for his obsession: connexions between the characters are revealed at the end, and if a few pages seem organized with a physical (and sex) educationist's concerns, they're very good natured.

Wild Seed, by Grozdana Olujic. Translated by Gertrud Graubart-Champe. (Quartet, £2.25). Utterly free of self-deception, this is a touching and technically superb picture of postwar emotional groping—and flourishing. Lika, whose real name isn't known, is abandoned in Belgrade to an orphanage when she is about three. At 19, more or less, she advertises in a newspaper for some certainties such as a family. Shouldn't everyone, she wonders, be placed in what she begins to call the chaingang of generations? The hundreds of replies are tersely, beautifully considered.

The Sightseer, by Geoffrey Wolff (Hamish Hamilton, £2.75) has tantalizing social impressions of Turkey. Twin American brothers, Caleb and Noel Sharrow, take a trip from Vermont to Austria and debate with much rhetoric the significance of everything in (and out of) sight; Caleb goes on to see more in Istanbul. "He treated me as though I were a pebble in God's jackboot", Caleb complains. "Just call for help and see what happens", he reads on the Orient Express wall. A puzzling Turkish woman called Veilah does marry him, and he directs a loony film for the CIA about democracy on a former penal island, reminding himself that Paul Klee said one should always want to make things fall upward. Mr Wolff tries hard, with more ups than downs.

Fathers Come First, by Rosita Sweetman (Michael Joseph, £2.95). A stylish, unpretentious first novel on a Dublin girl's anxieties about men. After leaving prim boarding school, she flattens herself into becoming a professional model and has a go at living with a television producer. At times very flip, with deeply felt provocativeness about Catholic and Protestant tensions, it's said to be written for silent women. Where?

Myrna Blumberg

The clutching eye

The Letters of Charles Dickens

Volume Three: 1842-1843

Edited by Madeline House, Graham Storey and Kathleen Tillotson
(*Oxford* £13)

The third volume of the superb Pilgrim Edition of Dickens's Letters begins with the preparations for a long and dangerous voyage, and ends with Dickens producing a fresh plum pudding from a gentleman's hat at the best London party Jane Carlyle had ever attended:

> . . . after supper *when we were all madder than ever with the pulling of crackers, the drinking of champagne, and the making of speeches; a universal country dance was proposed—and Forster, seizing me round the waist, whirled me into the thick of it, and made me dance!! like a person in the tread-mill who must move forward or be crushed to death! Once I cried out "Oh for the love of Heaven let me go! You are going to dash my brains out against the folding doors!" to which he answered—(you can fancy his tone)—" your brains!! who cares about their brains* here? let them go!

Boxing Day, 1843. The party took place at the house of the great Macready who was then touring America for the first time. Dickens, Thackeray, John Forster and Daniel Maclise combined to give the actor's wife and children the best possible time in his absence—particularly Dickens, who had thought it prudent to withhold letters of introduction from Macready for fear that to be known as the friend of Charles Dickens would wreck his chances in America from the start.

In this he was doubtless correct. The Dickenses had left Liverpool for Boston in January 1842. They had travelled as far south as Richmond and as far west as St Louis, returning to England via Niagara and Montreal. None of Dickens's five novels had been officially published in the States, but all had been pirated with huge success and he was so lionized in New England and New York—where the famous "Boz Ball" had to be given twice—that the enchantment first felt by the lion himself rapidly gave way to exhaustion. By then, what Macready called his "clutching eye" had missed nothing. His persistently provoked distaste for the practice of slavery (not to mention the common fondness for spitting, which extended beyond the doors of Congress itself), and his even more committed attacks on the American failure to implement an international copyright agreement with Britain earned a hostility that deepened into the bitterness of mutual misunderstanding with the publication of *American Notes* later in 1842, and of *Martin Chuzzlewit* throughout the following year.

The initial impact of the American experience is thus the major theme distinguishing this volume from its two predecessors. While he made several lasting friends on the trip and found almost all individual Americans "naturally courteous, good-tempered, generous, warm-hearted and obliging", Dickens considered them, in the mass, as something of a disaster, indeed a positive threat to the progress of good government and a just society. Their institutions were unrepresentative and inept; the Union was cracked, the Press appalling, freedom of expression highly selective. "I am a lover of Liberty, disappointed, that's all" he wrote Macready, and the disappointment grew with America's own indignation until it reached its most concise and graphic expression in *Chuzzlewit*, when Mark Tapley describes how he would like to represent the American eagle:

> *I should want to draw it like a Bat, for its short-sightedness; like a Bantam for its bragging; like a Magpie for its honesty; like a Peacock for its vanity; like an Ostrich for putting its head in the mud and thinking nobody sees it.*

America was merely the largest, and newest, of the subjects on his mind throughout 1842 and 1843. There are many splendidly generous and angry letters here on authors' self-protection, child labour, working hours, Ragged Schools and the iniquities of sectarian education, some of the best of them to Angela Burdett-Coutts, to whose charity he rarely submitted a new cause in vain. Forster, Macready, Maclise, the painter Clarkson Stanfield, and the Bostonian C. C. Felton are the most intimate and sympathetic of Dickens's regular correspondents and to these he is unfailingly affectionate, funny and (literally) entertaining. To the engaging Maclise, quite simply, on November 9, 1842:

> *My Dear Mac,*
> *It's a holiday—Lord Mayor's Day. We pledged ourselves to keep it. Do you remember? Shave. I'll come down directly.*

Nobody understood better than Dickens the importance of a good dinner or an unexpected treat, and the Pilgrim Edition includes many such little notes and trips and invitations that have not been published before. The editors indeed print every fragment of every letter they have been able to trace—one comprises four words, "Faithfully Yours, Charles Dickens"—and even, rather solemnly, the addressees and dates of letters known to have been sent but remaining untraced. But how one remembers the good times!—often, like Jane Carlyle, in the small print at the foot of the page.

Of all the scholarly editions which may yet prove the chief ornament of our age—the letters of Fanny Burney, Byron and Macaulay are the most recent—none rejoices in footnotes of such profusion as this: the proportion through these 692 pages is roughly 60 per cent House/Storey/Tillotson to 40 per cent Dickens. Occasionally this is carried to absurd lengths—an 88 word section on Washington Irving carries no less than *seven* footnotes, mostly from published sources, and only the seventh of any relevance to Dickens—but more often than not the scholarship contributes a companion-picture of the boisterous 1840s comparable to that being built up of the 1660s in the Latham-Matthews Edition of Pepys. In this field there is no higher praise.

Michael Ratcliffe

Flying colours

My Life

By Oskar Kokoschka

Translated by David Britt
(*Thames and Hudson*, £5.25)

Kokoschka in 1973

Oskar Kokoschka was once discharged from a Paris hospital through the kind offices of the novelist Ferdinand Céline who, being a doctor, thoughtfully procured a skeleton and laid it in his friend's bed while he slept. The shock cured Kokoschka, or at any rate gave him strength to leave. He had been suffering from malnutrition, having thrown up a teaching job at the academy in Dresden where, in the early Twenties, notes were so worthless that he had to fetch his monthly salary in suitcases from the bank. Money came and went as casually as the trail of paintings, lost, stolen or strayed all over Europe throughout the greater part of his career. One was sold to buy a horse on which to join the Imperial cavalry in August 1914; others were scattered when Kokoschka lay wounded, reported dead, and still others confiscated wholesale by the Gestapo in the Thirties.

Kokoschka's life seems to have settled earlier than most into the pattern of dislocation, destruction and upheaval which stamped his whole generation, and especially anyone brought up in Vienna at the turn of the century. He was born in 1886 in a small town on the Danube which burnt down the night after: his mother fled like Aeneas from the flames of Troy, bearing in her arms the infant Oskar who ever afterwards "loved fire above all things". Red is still his favourite colour. His grandmother, daughter of an Imperial forester in the Styrian mountains, was once besieged for a day and a night by gypsies whom she terrorized with her husband's shotgun. Her daughter, cast in the same stern mould, attempted to put a stop to Oskar's affair with Gustav Mahler's widow Alma by threatening to shoot the temptress. Kokoschka himself finally exorcized this love by re-creating Alma's body in a life-sized doll, whose sensational career culminated in the arrival of the police one morning to find it lying bloody and decapitated in a Dresden garden.

Corpses abound throughout this book, beginning with the severed head staring from a bucket beneath the dissecting table which inspired Kokoschka as a student with a lifelong disgust for academic theory (he learnt his own anatomy lessons later, during fittings from the Emperor Franz Joseph's tailor). His best effects, in words as much as paint, come from the gusto, energy and relish with which he attacks images like this one, or the famous Neapolitan octopus which, when teased by tourists in its tank, "would flail its tentacles faster and faster so that it came to resemble a wheel, rotating round a plump pinkish-white body from which the great eye flashed yellow, blood-red, ice-blue, black with fury".

But, when not engaged in vivid physical description, testiness is his prevailing mood, exacerbated by a special malevolence towards machines. Descended on the one side from Styrian foresters, on the other from a long line of skilled Bohemian swordsmiths in Prague, he broods perhaps too much on the fact that neither calling is greatly in demand in a thankless technological society. Gloom, despondency and spleen afflict him in the face of pretty well every contemporary development from the rise of photography to the spread of tourism or the abolition of Latin in schools. Abstract art enrages him, as do modern music, literature and the novel. Even juggling is not what it was (and here speaks a man who saw Rastelli throwing balls in his prime at the Berlin Wintergarten), and he has some pretty sharp things to say about the avant-garde theatre.

But the recent activities of revolting youth which scandalized Kokoschka on the Paris stage do not sound so very different from his own account of how, as a young man in Vienna, he roughed out a lurid plot, improvised a text, painted the bodies of his actors and had his own head shaved in order—amid maximum publicity—to defy the bourgeois press who considered his behaviour little short of criminal. Fierce partisanships spring inevitably from this combination of temperament with circumstances, and indeed Kokoschka's friendships (especially those produced by portrait sittings, from which Tomas Masaryk, Pablo Casals and Konrad Adenauer emerge in every sense with flying colours) provide some of the pleasantest passages in this book. By the same token, his antipathies are many and violent and invoked for some reason most freely by writers: "I felt no bond with Rilke . . . nor with Hofmannsthal, whose approaches I rebuffed . . . nor with Thomas Mann, whose manuscript of the Joseph legend I refused to illustrate. Gerhart Hauptmann also failed to make an impression on me. . . ." The reader might well be forgiven for feeling that O.K., as he is known, comes himself at times perilously close to Hauptmann's failure.

Hilary Spurling

An Introduction to Gaelic Poetry, by Derick Thomson (Gollancz, £4). With devolution in the air, this is as good a time as any to introduce yourself to Gaelic poetry—and others beside the seven Scot Nats now sitting in the House of Commons should welcome this definitive and comprehensive examination of poetic traditions in the Scottish national tongue as these have developed over the last five centuries. The general reader is provided with attractive translations, faithful to the rhythms of the originals, alive with their spirit. A highlight is the lengthy excerpt from Iain Crichton Smith's translation of Duncan Ban's Praise of Ben Doran. "Leabhar barraichte!"—a first-rate book, as any Gael would say.

The English Poets—From Chaucer to Edward Thomas, by Peter Porter and Anthony Thwaite (Secker & Warburg, £3.50). One third prose commentary, two thirds a canon of English poetry over 500 years, this attractive light-weight book has been produced to emphasize the pleasure of poetry-reading. It is for the fireside, not the lecture-hall. Given their self-imposed limits, Messrs Porter and Thwaite write intelligently and persuasively about poets as different in character and achievement as Donne and Dowson, Rochester and Hopkins. The poems taken to illustrate the merits of each writer are skilfully chosen, and a discriminating enthusiasm for the resources of the English language is implicit in commentary and poems alike. One or two of the descriptive phrases deserve to achieve currency—eg Porter's definition of Dowson's "sweetly morbid talent".

Golf

Silly season could be at an end for Jacklin

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

In the two years since Viyella started sponsoring the PGA championship they have been blessed in finding the two best golfers in the country as champions. In 1972 Tony Jacklin won, and last year it was Peter Oosterhuis. This year Jacklin and the weather gave the event another good send off. His 68 was the best today and his own best in this country for some time.

He was satisfied, though not completely so, with the way he was playing; what pleased him most was that he holed out well, missing none of what he calls "those daft ones" that can upset a player's poise and confidence. Setting aside his dash to the American PGA championship and the tournament in Britain that followed it—a distraction that did his golf no good at all—his season is shaping well, although it is much too early to start forecasting here.

Conditions yesterday were ideal, a good growth on the well-used fairways, easy-paced greens and a modest breeze. Clive Clark followed one stroke behind Jacklin, a round of 69 which was as tidy as could be. By the most careful reckoning only two greens were missed and he made four of his birdies at par five holes. Oosterhuis's game was not its usual coordinated best, but he is adept now at avoiding the damaging score and it augurs well for the climax of the tournament that both he and Coles are well in the picture.

Jacklin yesterday made it known that his wife is expecting a third child, which led to the laugh of the day when someone asked whether this would mean that they would have to move to a larger house. His round never went over par and contained five birdies, two of them at the long fourth and at the 18th where he was on the green with a one iron.

They also included a most satisfying three at the 13th, a troublesome hole, where he pitched to 8ft with a seven iron and holed. This was his longest putt of the day. The effect of the course being remeasured has been to reduce it in length by some 30 yards and take one off the old par of 74, the first hole having been found to be less than 475 yards.

The leading scores threw into sharp relief the failure of some reputable players to master the course—Townsend, Bannerman and Carr all failing to break 80, although Townsend came back in 36 after an inexplicable 45 out. Dale Hayes looked to be cruising along, as though he could never possibly go over par, but at the 16th he did so to the tune of six strokes, driving twice out of bounds and then hitting a third one off the tee into a bush. In spite of a 10 there he finished in 78.

It took a veteran, Dai Rees, in his 62nd year, to show the way to some of the youngsters. He went round in 71, holing from 25ft on the 17th, "the longest putt I've holed for years", and in spite of a seven at the fourth, where after a long delay on the tee he drove into the trees and spent two or three strokes knocking the ball about among them.

68: A. Jacklin (Potters Bar).
69: C. A. Clark (Sunningdale).
70: V. Fernandez (Argentina).
71: R. F. Robson (Harpenden), R. W. Barnes (Cluny Hills Hotel), B. Charles (New Zealand), N. C. Coles (Holiday Inns), J. L. Fowler (Mid Herts), S. Ginn (Australia), V. B. Hood (Bramley), B. J. Hunt (Hartsbourne), C. O'Connor (Carlow), G. L. Hunt (Unattached), D. J. Rees (South Herts), P. E. Berry (Cotswold Hills).
72: M. Faulkner (Shillinglee Park), P. A. Oosterhuis (Pacific Harbour), S. M. Owen (New Zealand), N. D. Wood (Turnberry), B. Gallacher (Wentworth), M. Pinero (Spain), D. Swaelens (Belgium), L. A. Owens (Kilnney), J. Newton (Australia).
73: J. Fourie (South Africa), E. Polland (Balmoral), W. Slaven (Bedford and City), L. Kavanagh (Haste Hill), A. O'Connor (Hazel Grove), A. P. Thomson (Inverness), M. F. Foster (Clayton), I. E. Stanley (Australia).
74: T. C. Mallman (Knebworth), P. Toussaint (Belgium), D. A. Chillas (Turnberry Hotel), J. J. Kinsella (Castle), D. C. Wren (South Africa), D. P. Scanlon (Long Ashton), J. M. Canizares (Spain), P. J. Butler (Golf Dome).
75: L. Farmer (Moor Park), T. E. Westbrook (Selsdon Park Hotel), R. H. Lambert (Chevin), G. Smith (Burnhill), M. E. Gregson (Almaina Park), L. Platts (Pannal), D. Butler (Leatherhead), W. Humphreys (Royal Mid Surrey), D. J. Llewellyn (Olton), J. McTear (Cathkin Braes), R. S. Fidler (West Kent), D. K. Webster (Lundin Links), G. Cunningham (Troon Municipal), J. R. Garner (Hartsbourne), J. M. Nutter (Ripon City), D. I. Vaughan (Royal Liverpool).

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	471	4	10	186	3
2	153	3	11	376	4
3	452	4	12	483	5
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	191	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	480	5
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	398	4	17	571	5
9	460	4	18	502	5
Out 3,371		35	In	3,598	38

Miss Perkins shortens her swing and takes lead

By Lewine Mair

Tegwen Perkins, who was so unexpectedly defeated in the final of the British girls' golf championship last week at Dunbar, yesterday returned a first round 74—one over par—to lead the field in the British women's 72 holes stroke play championship at Seaton Carew, a course which Walter Hagen once described as "a splendid test of golf and one which I should like to play more often".

Winner of the under-19 section of this event last year, Miss Perkins has shortened her swing since arriving at Seaton Carew and is concentrating, in particular, on "hitting into the back of the ball".

Followed by selectors, who this week will be selecting the three-strong British side for the World Cup in Dominica, the Welsh girl covered the outward half in a level par of 37 having, at the ninth (381 yards), got down in two from a greenside bunker to save her four.

Coming home, Miss Perkins matched the card until the 15th (183 yards) where her two iron, into the brisk wind, was simply not enough club. On the green in two at the 16th (421 yards), she made the four which put her back on level terms with par—but immediately dropped a stroke at the 17th (388 yards), a hole at which, because of the strategically placed bunkers and the rolling fairway, the locals swear you should lay up short of the green with your second.

Julia Greenhalgh was one of the few players to take heed of their advice—but she wound up with a six, her "safe" shot having kicked into sand. Miss Greenhalgh who, for all that she played for Britain in the Curtis Cup earlier this month, has not been given a place in the England team for the home internationals, was round in 75 yesterday.

She hit the ball beautifully—"a spell in America always seems to do my game good"—but was desperately hoping that the driver which she sent away to be re-gripped over a week ago would be back in time for today's round. "I'm having to use my two wood off the tee and it's a club I don't like at all."

Catherine Bowerbank, a former Yorkshire champion, also returned a 75 while Ann Irvin is lying joint fourth on 77 with Anne Marie Palli of France. Miss Irvin's back, which she injured just before she was due to leave for America and the Curtis Cup, has now completely recovered.

Still on the subject of back injuries, Audrey Briggs, the Welsh champion, had to withdraw from the championship when, some 10 minutes before her starting time, she felt a gripping pain up her spine after she had bent down, awkwardly. Mrs Briggs, a physiotherapist, has gone home to get treatment from the girl with whom she shares a physiotherapy practice in Liverpool.

74: Miss T. Perkins (Wenvoe Castle).
75: Miss J. Greenhalgh (Pleasington); Mrs C. Bowerbank (Dinsdale Spa).
77: Miss A. Irvin (Royal Lytham and St Annes), Miss A. M. Palli (France).
78: Miss C. Charbonnier (Switzerland).
79: Dr G. Costello (Bolton), Miss M. McKenna (Donabate), Miss P. Wroghton (Huddersfield), Mrs M. C. Ubald Boquet (France).
80: Mrs V. Stone (Morpeth), Miss S. Needham (Cawder), Miss C. Le Feuvre (Royal Jersey), Miss R. Porter (Long Ashton), Mrs D. Harrison (Wearside), Mrs J. McCartney (Bolton), Mrs S. Hodges (Wrotham Heath).
81: Miss V. Marvin (Pike Hills), Miss C. Barker (Hartlepool), Mrs G. Masey (Teesside).
82: Miss M. Hood (Leek), Miss F. Anderson (Craigie Hill), Miss N. Sparks (Burford), Miss C. Langford (Bearsted).
83: Mrs A. Slant (Beau Desert), Miss P. Light (Whitchurch), Miss M. Smith (Abbeydale), Miss J. Dudley (Coxmoor).
84: Miss S. Cadden (Cardross), Miss A. Duncan (Brechin), Miss L. Harrold (Gerrards Cross), Miss D. Glenn (Whitley Bay), Miss N. Jeanson (France).
85: Miss D. Strickland (Walton Heath), Miss G. Cadden (Cardross), Miss P. Whitley (Wrexham), Mrs A. Biggs (Tyneside), Miss P. Stedman (Whitby).

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	345	4	10	336	4
2	509	5	11	313	4
3	133	3	12	160	3
4	317	4	13	352	4
5	362	4	14	504	5
6	441	5	15	183	3
7	332	4	16	421	5
8	339	4	17	388	4
9	381	4	18	310	4
Out 3,159					37
In 2,967					36

Boxing

Conteh's next opponent shows power

Jorge Ahumada opened his London training in preparation for his contest against John Conteh for the vacant world light heavyweight boxing championship at the Café Royal yesterday. Ahumada, an Argentine based in New York, takes on Conteh at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on September 10.

The first taste of Ahumada's power was given to Billy Knight, three times ABA champion, from London, who is starting out on his professional career.

Knight is providing sparring opposition for Ahumada over the next 14 days and after two three-minute rounds yesterday he said "Ahumada can hit hard and is well-balanced on his feet. He really snaps out with that left hook. He is a tremendous fighter."

Kevin Finnegan has decided to relinquish his British middleweight title, after becoming European champion by beating Jean-Claude Bouttier, of France, earlier this summer.

Finnegan has decided to concentrate on the defence of his European title.

Finnegan's manager, Sam Burns, said: "We are giving up the title with much reluctance but when you hold two championships and have to defend them both, you tend to run into a conflict of dates. Finnegan's British title defence against Bunny Sterling is up for purse offers and contracts for his first European championship defence have to be signed by September 24. We don't want British promoters to bid for the Sterling fight and then find that Finnegan is defending his European title instead."

Athletics

Viren runs in two miles at Crystal Palace

Lasse Viren, of Finland, the Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, will run in the two miles at the International athletics meeting at Crystal Palace on September 13 sponsored by Coca Cola.

Viren, who shot to fame in Munich in 1972, when he became the first man for four Olympiads to win both classic long distance track events, completes a high class line-up.

He will face a trio of world record holders in Brendan Foster (two miles and 3,000 metres), David Bedford (10,000 metres) and Emiel Puttemans (5,000 metres).

Also competing in the two miles are David Black, winner of silver and bronze medals in the Commonwealth Games and Steve Prefontaine, the top American at 5,000 and 3,000 metres.

Kenya has confirmed that she is to send a team of seven top international athletes to the meeting.

The team, under the management of the former champion Kipchoge Keino, will be led by John Kipkurgat, who has become Kenya's leading middle-distance runner since Ben Jipcho turned professional. Kipkurgat will take part in the 1,000 metres and possibly also the 1,500 metres.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Minnesota Twins 3; Texas Rangers 2, Baltimore Orioles 1; Boston Red Sox 6, Chicago White Sox 1; California Angels 7, Detroit Tigers 6; Oakland Athletics 3, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Cleveland Indians 12, Kansas City Royals 8 (and 2-13). NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 3, Philadelphia Phillies 0; Montreal Expos 6, Atlanta Braves 1; New York Mets 4, Houston Astros 2; San Diego Padres 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 12, Chicago Cubs 5; Pittsburgh Pirates 13, San Francisco Giants 2.

SPORT

Cricket

Return of Titmus makes a remarkable story

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

First the bad news about the MCC party to tour Australia and New Zealand in the coming winter: it contains five fast, or *fastish*, bowlers, which means that England's over rate, about which the authorities in this country express such profound concern, will be painfully slow. On a more cheerful note the rumours that Boycott was to be excluded have proved unfounded, and Titmus, at the ripe old age of 41, returns to the fold for the first time since 1968.

The extra fast bowler is preferred to an all-rounder or another batsman. It is good news, of course, for Hendrick and Peter Lever, one of whom would otherwise have been left behind, but not for Australian crowds who hope for continuity in a cricket match. Alec Bedser, chairman of the selectors, is a powerful advocate of keeping fast bowlers employed.

In West Indies last winter, Arnold, Willis, Old and Hendrick were all under-worked by Bedser's standards; yet now we send another one. It sounds as though Jack Bond, Brian Taylor and O. S. Wheatley, none of whom has been to Australia, and Michael Dennes, the captain, had their way. C. G. A. Paris, as chairman of the Cricket Council, and G. O. Allen, who stood in for D. J. Insole, completed the committee which chose the side, though Mr Paris is unlikely to have voted.

The last time MCC sent five fast bowlers to Australia was in 1958-59, but one of those was the all-rounder, Trevor Bailey. That was a disastrous tour for England. I am not saying that fast bowling is no good out there. On the contrary, it wins more matches than spin. But there is no point in being weighed down with it. Snow, *I* am afraid, has only himself to blame for not even being one of five. With the same zest for the game as Titmus he would surely be going.

Titmus's return makes a remarkable story; scarcely as remarkable, perhaps, as Ben Hogan's recovery to top golf after a motor accident, but splendid all the same. Titmus played his first first-class match in 1949, when Hendrick and Willis were in their mother's arms. *Since* then he has collected over 2,600 wickets. He will take to Australia a greater knowledge of spin bowling than anyone else playing the game today. He is bowling as well as ever, having taken 84 wickets this season, and the Australians are never at their best against flighted off-spin.

This will be Titmus's seventh MCC tour. His first was to Pakistan in 1955-56. His last was to West Indies seven years ago, as vice-captain to Colin Cowdrey. It was there that he met with a boating accident at Sandy Lane in Barbados, which cost him four toes on his left foot. *I* was one of those to help him out of the sea, fearful that his cricket career was over. But he says now that he can keep going as well as he ever did and that he suffers no pain. He is, however, slower over the ground, which, with Edrich in the same side, could tax Denness's powers of deployment.

On his first tour to Australia, in 1962-63, Titmus took 21 wickets in the five Tests and averaged 36 with the bat. In 1965-66 he took only nine wickets in the Tests, though he had a batting average of 64 and was the leading wicket-taker in all matches. He was at his best in Sydney, harnessing the breezes which blow off Botany Bay. He will, I think, be the oldest cricketer to go to Australia since Wally Hammond who was 43 in 1946-47. In 1928-29 five of A. P. F. Chapman's triumphant side were past 40 by the time the tour ended, Jack Hobbs being the oldest of them at 46. Four years younger that is, as Alec Bedser pointed out, than the Australian, H. M. Ironmonger, when he played against England in 1933. Titmus is a shaver, too, compared with Wilfred Rhodes when he went to West Indies in 1929 at the age of 52.

Word got to Titmus during the luncheon interval at Lord's yesterday that he had been chosen, a few minutes before the side was officially announced. He proceeded to take two wickets in his next 15 balls, one of them, ironically, being that of Birkenshaw, one of the contenders for his touring place. The other contender was Pocock, who has had the chance, but missed it, of establishing himself. At 27, Pocock has got a lot of time left though—14 years at least if Titmus *is* anything to go by. Yesterday, Titmus took four Leicestershire wickets and Edmonds four, and when Titmus came off the field he paid tribute to Edmonds. "Spin bowlers", he said, "work better in pairs, and having Phil Edmonds at the other end has been a help this season."

With Lever and Edrich as well as Titmus in the party, when no one would have backed them to be there in April, it has been the year of the comeback. Of the 15 players all but Lloyd have toured before and 10 have been previously to Australia, Greig not with MCC but with the Rest of the World. The vice-captain will be John Edrich, rather than Greig, who did the job in West Indies last winter. Mr Bedser was not prepared to say whether this was due to Edrich's seniority or because of any disappointment with Greig.

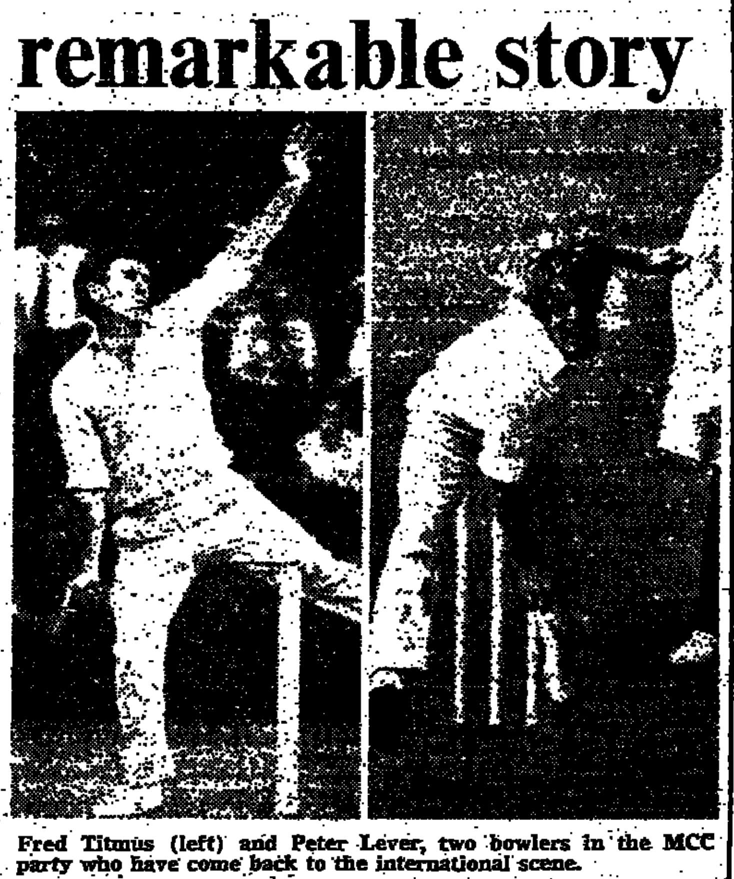
He was more precise about other things. It was nearly decided, for instance, to send only 15 players rather than the fifth fast bowler. Serious consideration was also given to taking a batsman-wicket keeper rather than Taylor. Had this been done it would have been Harris, who has recently started to keep wicket for Nottinghamshire. The dangers of that, with Test matches following fast upon each other, and injury or illness to Knott not to be ruled out, need no stressing. When asked whether he thought England could win, Bedser *said*: "Of course they can", with the confidence to be expected of the manager.

MCC party for Australia

M. H. Denness (Kent, Capt), age	33; Tests 20.
J. H. Edrich (Surrey),	37; 65.
D. L. Amiss (Warwickshire),	31; 32.
G. G. Arnold (Surrey),	29; 27.
G. Boycott (Yorkshire),	33; 63.
K. W. R. Fletcher (Essex),	30; 39.
A. W. Greig (Sussex),	27; 30.
M. J. Hendrick (Derbyshire),	25; 5.
A. P. E. Knott (Kent),	28; 61.
P. Lever (Lancashire),	33; 12.
D. Lloyd (Lancashire),	27; 5.
C. M. Old (Yorkshire),	25; 18.
R. W. Taylor (Derbyshire),	33; 1.
F. J. Titmus (Middlesex),	41; 49.
D. L. Underwood (Kent),	29; 47.
R. G. D. Willis (Warwickshire),	25, 11.

Test match dates

Brisbane: November 29, 30; December 1, 3 and 4.
Perth: December 13, 14, 15, 17, 18.
Melbourne: December 26, 27, 28, 30, 31.
Sydney: January 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.
Adelaide: January 25, 26, 27, 29, 30.
Melbourne: February 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 (possibly 14).



Fred Titmus (left) and Peter Lever, two bowlers in the MCC party who have come back to the international scene.

Football

Keegan and Bremner banned for a month

Billy Bremner, Leeds United's and Scotland's World Cup captain, and Kevin Keegan, the Liverpool and England forward, were suspended until September 30 and fined £500 each by a joint Football Association and Football League disciplinary commission in London yesterday. The commission found them guilty of "bringing the game into disrepute" after incidents in the FA Charity Shield game at Wembley on August 10.

Bremner and Keegan, sent off during the match by Robert Matthewson, a Bolton referee, after a clash on the edge of the Liverpool area, pulled off their shirts and hurled them to the ground as they made their way to the dressing rooms. Television viewers also witnessed the incident and this had a bearing on the commission's decision.

Vernon Stokes, chairman of the commission, said: "If it had been played anywhere else action would still have been taken. The decision may not have been the same in severity, though, but the public were offended by what they saw and action had to be taken. We took into account that the players had just completed three-match suspensions and had been disciplined by their clubs."

Bremner and Keegan finished their suspensions on Tuesday night with Leeds's match at Queen's Park Rangers and Liverpool's game with Wolverhampton Wanderers at Anfield. The commission watched BBC TV film of the incidents before dealing with the players. Bremner, accompanied by Maurice Lindley, Leeds's assistant manager, went in first, then the commission dealt with Keegan. Robert Paisley, the Liverpool manager, attended the hearing.

The commission called John Giles, of Leeds, and Tom Smith, of Liverpool, who were cautioned during the game. There was no question of disciplinary action against them, but Mr Stokes said that their offences were of such a nature that they had to appear.

The Liverpool party arrived late at Lancaster Gate because the train bringing them from the Midlands broke down. Giles said after the hearing: "I was given a good talking to."

Mr Stokes said of the commission's decision: "We did not go into the legal aspects of it." The incidents involved were "an affront to the public. This match was at Wembley, had tremendous coverage on TV, and the public were shocked." He stressed, however, that yesterday's hearing, despite using filmed evidence, was not a trial by television.

He felt that television evidence should also be offered in future on behalf of referees as well as players. Bremner and Keegan had their previous records taken into consideration, said Mr Stokes. "The players expressed regret and were sorry that the incidents had happened. We, as a disciplinary commission, feel that punishments should be severe if we are to make any impression.

"I went to a lot of trouble to get this dealt with quickly. I thought it was wrong that the players concerned should not take part in any matches in between finishing their three-match suspension and appearing before us. Many people have written to the FA expressing views that the incidents were a shocking thing in what, after all, was a charity match. Some suggested very severe punishment." Mr Stokes would not say what those suggestions were.

He described Giles as playing a part in the build-up of the trouble and Smith had committed "an uncalled-for foul". Mr Stokes revealed that "Keegan urged in his favour and, quite rightly, that he had suffered provocation".

Of Bremner and Keegan, Mr Stokes went on: "I have had these players before me on at least one other occasion and I can say that our relations are first class."

Spurs need man with baton under his arm

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Tottenham 1 Manchester City 2

Chivers was back for his first game of the season for Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane last night; and Tottenham's first goal of the season was scored by Peters. But Tottenham firmly rooted at the foot of the championship, are still in search of their first point. Manchester City, with a goal in the final seconds, walked away with the spoils, having threatened to do so for most of the time. They took the lead six minutes after half-time with a brilliant goal by Bell. Peters equalized, and just when it seemed that Tottenham would hang on by their teeth to their first small success, there came that killing header by Booth after a corner by Summerbee.

So ended a match of what seemed imaginative barrenness, although much of it had been suggestive of better things. Both sides tried to force something out of the situation and Manchester had all the prospects of doing so with a forward line that read: Summerbee, Bell, Marsh, Hartford (their new acquisition from West Bromwich Albion), and the fast-moving Tueart, once of Sunderland. This line, when it moved into top gear at certain phases in both halves, made the Tottenham defence look as though it was walking on a tightrope, stretching England and his defenders all the way.

Tottenham cannot go on living on the past. There is a lesson to be learnt. They need one or two pure footballers to control and direct. They need a sergeant-major with a baton under his arm. They should insert something in the wanted ads. Manchester, for certain spells, failed to attain the momentum they promised, but there is a look about this side suggesting that they could have fine days. The goals were started by Bell. Receiving from Tueart and Donachie, he beat Evans overhead, cut behind him on the other side, and volleyed over Jennings. It was a piece of brilliant virtuosity.

Six minutes later, Manchester beat themselves with their offside trap after a long free kick by Evans. They were punished by Peters as he coolly breasted down the ball and chipped over MacRae. Midway through that second half Summerbee should have wrapped the game up for Lancashire when he was left in front of goal close in and alone as Bell made an astute pass. In trying to make sure, he was beaten by Jennings' superb anticipation as the goalkeeper dived to smother the shot.

With seconds to go Tottenham holding on bravely with Peters and Coates—busy, as always, like some animated clockwork mouse as he covered every blade of grass—and Chivers showing moments of power in attack, were nearly there. But Chivers's bad back pass at the end led to the forcing of a corner for Manchester down the left. Summerbee took it and the tall Booth at the far post did the rest. It was a cruel execution.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: P. Jennings; R. Evans, T. Naylor, R. Coates, M. England, P. Beal, C. McGrath, S. Perryman, M. Chivers, M. Peters, J. Neighbour.

MANCHESTER CITY: K. MacRae; C. Barrett, W. Donachie, M. Doyle, C. Booth, A. Oakes, M. Summerbee, C. Bell, R. Marsh, A. Hartford, D. Tueart.

Referee: H. G. New (Gloucestershire).

Day's goalkeeping helps to offset boredom

By Norman Fox

Luton Town 0 West Ham 0

Luton Town weathered another wearying, worrying night of first division existence at Kenilworth Road last night. Grimly, they are discovering that where hard work brought success last season in the lower regions, now the energy breaks down on well organized defences, or even average ones such as West Ham United's. Luton had an unsophisticated directness that brought some small success in the second half when they brought on their new Australian World Cup player, Alston, who replaced Aston and for some not altogether logical reason was seen by the crowd as some mysterious, magical figure from the outback destined to hit the football scene in something akin to the way Evonne Goolagong had burst on the tennis establishment. And at least he brought some fresh ideas to a match that, for 45 minutes, was, in fact, rather like a tennis match played from the baselines.

At one end was Day, the 18-year-old West Ham goalkeeper, who was the indisputable saviour of our collective boredom and of West Ham's wavering defence. At the other, was Faulkner, marking Best out of business. Of the two, Day's contribution was the more significant. Slightly put off by being penalized for taking too many steps with the ball early in the game, and then disheartened by his own team's failure to use his mighty, long clearances, he had some cause to lose enthusiasm. Instead, he totted up a string of outstanding saves.

It was not that Luton were always pestering him with their attacks, but with West Ham failing to make anything in what should have been a decisive advantage in ideas and speed, Luton could work away at methodical hustling that brought them several dangerous shots. These were totally snuffed by Day's superb handling. He deflected a shot by Hindson, just to warm his fingers. Then, some 30 minutes into the mild affair, Shanks made a marauding run on the right, took the ball on the volley and pulled off one of those one in a hundred shots that have all the ingredients of a sensational goal of the Emlyn Hughes variety. Remarkably, though, Day, who must have seen the ball late in the density of his own goalmouth, still managed to half catch it. He could not hold it firmly as it bounced towards his goal line. He pounced backward to regain possession.

Barber, Luton's goalkeepe tried to make some comparati effort by pushing a shot fro Lock on to the post. Day repli —it was becoming a duet goalkeepers—by blocking a ha ball from Anderson.

When Alston appeared, t game did in some ways turn its head but not really becau of anything he achieved. A slend striker, he is obviously a sou player but needs to acclimatize the first division, which also cou be said of Luton themselves. The dangerous reliance on frantı energy is allied only to a faint hint of true first division quality. They ran themselves to exhaustion and gained nothing in a strenuous second half that compensated for its paucity of art with plenty of excitement. Husband made Day exhibit more fine saves. Luton finished deserving a point but learning more of the problem that they face, notably when Bc could have deprived them everything in the last few momen yet headed over the top wh offered an open goal.

LUTON TOWN: K. Barber; D. Shanks, R. Thomson, P. Anderson, J. Faulkner, J. Ryan, G. Hindson, J. Husband, Butlin, A. West, J. Aston (sub, Alston).

WEST HAM UNITED: M. Day; Coleman, F. Lampard, W. Bonds, Taylor, K. Lock, P. Holland, G. Paddon, R. Gould, J. McDowell, C. Best.

Referee: C. Thomas (Treorchy).

Close throws his spanner into Hampshire's works

By Alan Gibson

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 163 runs behind Somerset.

After a stay in the beautiful village of Longparish with my colleague John Woodcock, the sage and (I have now discovered) the ecclesiastical patron of the place, I am feeling well disposed towards Hampshire. Yesterday, however, for most of the day they made only moderate progress toward their third championship, though I dare say they will still win this match.

Somerset won the toss, and after some early follies achieved quite a good score. Close, who enjoys nothing better than throwing a spanner into the works, was the man who kept Hampshire in check, after two wickets had fallen for 17 runs, and five for 118.

Taylor, who has by application become an admirable opening batsman, was bowled by Roberts when the score was 17. From the next ball, delivered from the opposite end by Herman, Burgess was bowled. Denning and Richards got out when they looked to be nicely in. Denning was leg-before wicket, Richards caught at mid-on from a mis-hit. In the same over as Richards got out, Parks was bowled. These three wickets fell to Jesty who, with his medium pace, is no destroyer, but is too accurate and persistent to be played casually.

Close was not casual. He was erratic, certainly taking some chances, not least in his running between the wickets, but from the determined look of him I was sure he would make a long score. He had got 71 when he was caught at slip. The latter part of the innings was dominated by Breakwell, who has not fulfilled hopes as a slow left-arm bowler, but has shown before now that he might become a substantial middle-order batsman. In one over he hit Jersey for three fours—an on drive, an off drive, and a cover drive, all capital strokes. When Sainsbury came on instead of Jesty, Breakwell hit him for a straight six. The ball was caught by Herman but beyond the boundary.

Breakwell scored 49 out of 74 in the seventh-wicket partnership. Botham had made a useful contribution, and Langford enjoyed his innings, but the end came quickly. Roberts, who had strained a leg muscle and left the field for part of the day, was too good for the tail.

Hampshire had nearly an hour and a half to bat. Close began with attacking fields. Jones bowled fast, his ferocious grunts resounding around Dean Park. Fast bowlers do sometimes grunt when delivering the ball, but I have not heard one with more timbre than Jones. Richards and Greenidge were not particularly perturbed, and built a solid platform for the Hampshire innings.

The last half hour, however, belonged to Somerset. Langford bowled both the openers, a useful performance for a veteran, and Burgess had Turner leg-before. The pitch was good, now and then giving a hint of eccentricity, like an ostensibly virtuous matron about whom you sometimes just wonder. So there may be fun and games yet. Each side has so far taken four points.

SOMERSET: First Innings

G. I. Burgess, b Herman	14
†D. J. S. Taylor, b Roberts	3
P. W. Denning, l-b-w, b Jesty	43
V. A. Richards, c Gilliat, b Jesty	45
*D. B. Close, c Greenidge, b Roberts	71
J. M. Parks, b Jesty	0
I. T. Botham, c Richards, b Jesty	20
D. Breakwell, c Taylor, b Cowley	49
B. A. Langford, b Roberts	15
A. A. Jones, not out	2
R. J. Clapp, l-b-w, b Roberts	0
Extras (l-b 2)	2
Total (86.5 overs)	264

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—17, 2—17, 3—83, 4—118, 5—118, 6—154, 7—228, 8—261, 9—264, 10—264.

BOWLING: Roberts, 14.5—2—40—4; Herman, 11—2—43—1; Taylor, 15—3—42—0; Jesty, 18—2—67—4; Sainsbury, 21—7—46—0; Cowley, 7—2—24—1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

B. A. Richards, b Langford	51
C. G. Greenidge, b Langford	31
D. R. Turner, l-b-w, b Burgess	1
*R. M. C. Gilliat, not out	3
†G. R. Stephenson, not out	5
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, n-b 3)	10
Total (3 wkts, 27 overs)	101

T. E. Jesty, P. J. Sainsbury, N. Cowley, M. N. S. Taylor, R. S. Herman, A. M. E. Roberts to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—88, 2—89, 3—93.

Bonus points (to date): Hampshire 4, Somerset 4.

Umpires: C. Cook and G. H. Pope.

No one-day specialists chosen

The 13-man England squad for the two Prudential Trophy matches against Pakistan at Nottingham on Saturday and Edgbaston next Monday is drawn entirely from the party to tour Australia. The three touring players missing are Amiss, Hendrick and Titmus.

No one day specialist, like Jackman or Woolmer, who played in the series against India are included. The party is:

M. H. Denness (Kent) (captain), J. H. Edrich (Surrey), G. G. Arnold (Surrey), G. Boycott (Yorkshire), K. W. R. Fletcher (Essex), A. W. Greig (Sussex), A. P. E. Knott (Kent), P. Lever (Lancashire), D. Lloyd (Lancashire), C. M. Old (Yorkshire), R. W. Taylor (Derbyshire), D. L. Underwood (Kent), R. G. D. Willis (Warwickshire).

Worcestershire are favourably placed

By Peter Marson

WORCESTER: Worcestershire, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 44 runs behind Glamorgan.

This was very much Worcestershire's day. The first part of it was begun with the rout of Glamorgan's batsmen—a splendid innings of 77 from Alan Jones sparkled in the drab total of 166 runs—and later, as the evening sun lowered, Turner, with an innings of 87, took Worcestershire to 122 for three from 39 overs. With four bonus points secure, Worcestershire are well placed to strike out for four points for batting today.

Glamorgan won the toss and chose to bat. Hill, suffering from back trouble, was missing from the middle of Glamorgan's order, and so, too, was Llewellyn who had twisted an ankle. Certainly, Glamorgan were soon to feel the loss of Hill. His batting had been at the heart of Glamorgan's splendid success at Sophia Gardens 10 days ago, and again at Southampton in the last match when the county champions had been held on the brink of victory.

On the evidence of Glamorgan's innings yesterday they seem to have little chance of administering a second dose to Worcestershire, though, of course, one would have been entitled to form a similar view at the close of the first day's play in that match at Cardiff. On a firm pitch, and against excellent fast bowling, catching and keen fielding, Glamorgan's innings had begun to waver when Alan Lewis Jones became the first of five batsmen to fall to Holder. That was in the seventh over with the score 20.

Davis seemed unsure, and looked as if he might benefit from some of the confidence that lies at the root of his captain's game just now. Davis was made more uncomfortable when he was brought to his knees by Roberts, whom he had attempted to hook. Roberts, at medium pace, was standing in for Inchmore who is injured, and after Davis had fallen to a beautiful ball from Brain, and a fine catch at first slip by Yardley, Roberts, whose first match this was, picked up the wicket of Francis who had shaped to cut, but deflected the ball on to his stumps.

Alan Jones had made 34, and by luncheon, when Glamorgan came in at 89 for five from 41 overs, he had pulled Gifford to midwicket for his sixth boundary to bring an excellent half century. His younger brother, Eifion, was his partner now, and they stayed together for 14 overs making 20 runs before Eifion received a ball from Brain that lifted unpleasantly, and Gifford in the gulley was made the present of an easy catch.

Having scored his first run in three innings, Cordle had time only to raise his bat aloft in salute before he was out leg before to Brain. With a string of failures behind him Nash's optimism and cheerful batting was as uplifting as it was unexpected. He straight-drove D'Oliveira for six and pulled to midwicket for four, and when Alan Jones's innings foundered to a ball from Holder that may have kept a shade low, Nash kept going until the innings closed when D'Oliveira bowled him.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A. Jones, lbw, b Holder	77
A. L. Jones, c Turner, b Holder	9
R. C. Davis, c Yardley, b Brain	5
D. A. Francis, b Roberts	7
J. A. Hopkins, c Wilcock, b Holder	2
G. Richards, lbw, b Holder	0
†E. W. Jones, c Gifford, b Brain	9
A. E. Cordle, lbw, b Brain	1
M. A. Nash, b D'Oliveira	31
B. J. Lloyd, c Ormrod, b Holder	7
D. L. Williams, not out	8
Extras (l-b 6, w 1, n-b 3)	10
Total (69.5 overs)	166

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—20, 2—50, 3—61, 4—76, 5—84, 6—104, 7—108, 8—129, 9—144, 10—166.

BOWLING: Holder, 19—7—34—5; Brain, 19—3—49—3; Roberts, 15—2—31—1; Gifford, 9—2—20—0; D'Oliveira, 7.5—3—19—1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G. M. Turner, c E. Jones, b Nash	87
R. G. A. Headley, c Lloyd, b Williams	11
J. A. Ormrod, l-b-w, b Williams	0
J. M. Parker, not out	15
B. M. Brain, not out	0
Extras (l-b 6, w 1, n-b 2)	9
Total (3 wkts, 39 overs)	122

B. L. D'Oliveira, T. J. Yardley, †H. G. Wilcock, *N. Gifford, V. A. Holder, C. P. Roberts to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—39, 2—61, 3—118.

Bonus points (to date): Worcestershire 4, Glamorgan 2.

Umpires: A. E. Fagg and R. Julian.

A third-wicket stand of 221 off 52 overs between Luckhurst and Woolmer was the highlight of a huge Kent total of 402 for six against Derbyshire at Folkestone. Luckhurst batted 260 minutes, hit 21 fours and became the second Kent batsman to reach 1,000 runs for the season: Woolmer (112) hit a career best score and reached his 100, his third of the season, in 145 minutes with 15 fours.

Essex v Warwick

AT CHELMSFORD

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

J. A. Jameson, c Cook, b Boyce	38
R. N. Abberley, lbw, b Boyce	14
†D. L. Murray, c Smith, b Boyce	26
M. J. K. Smith, lbw, b Turner	29
A. I. Kallicharran, lbw, b Boyce	4
B. K. Gardom, b Turner	1
E. E. Hemmings, b Boyce	45
S. J. Rouse, c Hardie, b Gooch	24
*A. C. Smith, c East, b Lever	12
W. Blenkiron, c Cooke, b Boyce	1
R. G. D. Willis, not out	1
Extras (b 6, l-b 9, n-b 6)	21
Total (70.4 overs)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—23, 2—85, 3—89, 4—93, 5—101, 6—136, 7—176, 8—206, 9—211, 10—216.

BOWLING: Boyce, 24.4—2—76—6; Lever, 13—2—47—1; Turner, 20—8—39—2; Gooch, 5—1—17—1; East, 8—3—16—0.

ESSEX.—First Innings

B. R. Hardie, not out	90
K. S. McEwan, b Gardom	94
R. M. O. Cooke, not out	30
Extras (n-b 4)	4
Total (1 wkts, 47 overs)	218

*K. W. R. Fletcher, G. A. Gooch, K. D. Boyce, S. Turner, R. E. East, †N. Smith, D. L. Acfield, J. K. Lever to bat.

FALL OF WICKET.—1—154.

Bonus points (to date): Essex 6, Warwickshire 2.

Umpires: D. J. Halfyard and D. G. L. Evans.

Kent v Derbyshire

AT FOLKESTONE

KENT: First Innings

B. W. Luckhurst, c and b Miller	148
G. W. Johnson, c Venkataraghavan, b Miller	52
M. C. Cowdrey, l-b-w, b Miller	16
R. A. Woolmer, c Russell, b Swarbrook	112
D. Nicholls, b Miller	21
†A. P. E. Knott, b Miller	4
A. G. E. Ealham, not out	12
J. Graham-Brown, not out	29
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 1)	8
Total (6 wkts, 100 overs)	402

*M. H. Denness, R. B. Elms, D. L. Underwood did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—82, 2—103, 3—324, 4—354, 5—357, 6—368.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 13—1—47—0; Ward, 11—3—30—0; Russell, 16—4—53—0; Venkataraghavan, 21—3—77—0; Miller, 19—3—88—5; Swarbrook, 18—3—83—1; Harvey-Walker, 2—0—16—0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

M. H. Page, not out	22
F. W. Swarbrook, not out	10
Total (no wkt, 26 overs)	32

L. G. Rowe, A. J. Harvey-Walker, *J. B. Bolus, G. Miller, †R. W. Taylor, P. E. Russell, S. Venkataraghavan, A. Ward, M. Hendrick to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Kent 4, Derbyshire 2.

Umpires: A. Jepson and J. G. Langridge.

Under-25 competition

BIRMINGHAM: *Under-25 competition semi-final*: Gloucestershire, 187 (40 overs) (R. D. V. Knight 54, J. C. Foat 54); Warwickshire, 126. Gloucestershire won by 61 runs.

Sussex v Pakistanis

AT HOVE

SUSSEX: First Innings

G. A. Greenidge, c Aftab Baloch, b Nazir	55
J. D. Morley, c Wasim Raja, b Nasir Malik	85
M. J. J. Faber, c Aftab Gul, b Nasir Malik	58
P. J. Graves, c Maazullah, b Wasim Raja	36
A. Parsons, not out	39
*A. W. Greig, b Nazir	59
†M. G. Griffith, not out	2
Extras (b 3, l-b 8, n-b 3)	14
Total (5 wkts dec)	348

J. A. Snow, J. Spencer, C. E. Waller, C. P. Phillipson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—120, 2—195, 3—218, 4—260, 5—339.

BOWLING: Imran Khan, 7—1—23—0; Nasir Malik, 18—4—80—2; Wasim Raja, 18—1—87—1; Maazullah, 20—5—82—0; Nazir, 23—2—63—2; Intikhab, 7—1—17—0.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Shafiq Ahmed, b Snow	10
Aftab Gul, l-b-w, b Snow	10
Zaheer Abbas, not out	15
Wasim Raja, l-b-w, b Phillipson	3
†Aftab Baloch, not out	0
Extras (n-b 2)	2
Total (3 wkts)	40

Sadiq Mohammad, *Intikhab Alam, Imran Khan, Nazir Mohammad, Maazullah, Nasir Malik to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—15, 2—32, 3—39.

Umpires: C. G. Pepper and P. B. Wight.

Lancashire v Notts

AT MANCHESTER

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

†M. J. Harris, lbw, b Simmons	40
P. A. Todd, run out	7
B. Hassan, lbw, b Wood	5
G. S. Sobers, not out	132
*M. J. Smedley, c Engineer, b Simmons	28
H. T. Tunnicliffe, lbw, b Hughes	7
R. A. White, b Hughes	7
H. C. Latchman, c Hayes, b Simmons	0
B. Stead, c Pilling, b Simmons	0
P. A. Wilkinson, c Simmons, b Hughes	7
W. Taylor, not out	0
Extras (b 5, l-b 6, n-b 8)	19
Total (9 wkts, 100 overs)	252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—25, 2—39, 3—90, 4—176, 5—194, 6—208, 7—211, 8—229, 9—247.

BOWLING: Wood, 33—6—56—1; Lee, 20—6—41—0; Simmons, 35—9—80—4; Hughes, 22—6—56—3.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

*D. Lloyd, b Stead	9
B. Wood, c Todd, b Taylor	30
H. Pilling, c Sobers, b Stead	14
F. C. Hayes, not out	48
C. H. Lloyd, not out	49
Extras (b 4, l-b 1)	5
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	155

A. Kennedy, K. L. Snellgrove, †F. M. Engineer, D. P. Hughes, J. Simmons, P. Lee to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—39, 2—43, 3—62.

Bonus points (to date): Lancashire 5, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: K. E. Palmer and W. E. Phillipson.

Middlesex v Leicester

AT LORD'S

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B. Dudleston, st Murray, b Titmus	31
J. F. Steele, l-b-w, b Titmus	35
J. G. Tolchard, c Featherstone, b Edmonds	3
B. F. Davison, c and b Featherstone	109
J. Birkenshaw, c Edmonds, b Titmus	1
M. E. J. C. Norman, c Brearley, b Edmonds	4
†R. W. Tolchard, c and b Edmonds	43
*R. Illingworth, c Radley, b Featherstone	2
N. M. McVicker, b Edmonds	19
G. D. McKenzie, l-b-w, b Titmus	4
T. K. Stretton, not out	6
Extras (b 3, l-b 8, n-b 1)	12
Total (100 overs)	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—43, 2—46, 3—140, 4—142, 5—153, 6—205, 7—207, 8—234, 9—253, 10—269.

BOWLING: Vernon, 6—1—22—0; Jones, 11—6—9—0; Titmus, 34—8—80—4; Edmonds, 33—7—102—4; Gomes, 5—0—15—0; Featherstone, 11—1—29—2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

R. D. Butcher, b Illingworth	20
M. J. Smith, lbw, b McKenzie	4
*J. M. Brearley, c J. Tolchard, b McKenzie	0
C. T. Radley, c R. Tolchard, b McKenzie	0
N. G. Featherstone, c Davison, b Birkenshaw	29
L. H. Gomes, c and b Birkenshaw	0
†J. T. Murray, not out	15
F. J. Titmus, c R. Tolchard, b Birkenshaw	0
P. H. Edmonds, not out	8
Extras (b 3, l-b 2, n-b 1)	6
Total (7 wkts, 32 overs)	82

M. J. Vernon, K. V. Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—13, 3—13, 4—54, 5—56, 6—56, 7—61.

Bonus points (to date): Middlesex 4, Leicestershire 6.

Umpires: J. F. Crapp and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Minor Counties

HIGH WYCOMBE: Buckinghamshire, 178 for 8 dec (R. W. Hutchison 81; C. Rutterford 6 for 71) and 229 for 7 dec (R. W. Hooker 110); Suffolk, 180 for 7 dec (P. H. Jones 81, A. G. Warrington 74) and 202 (R. W. Hutchison 5 for 56). Buckinghamshire won by 25 runs.

SHREWSBURY: Shropshire, 162 (S. Perry 51, I. Roberts 4 for 40, J. Childs 4 for 49); Devon 116 for 8 (G. Othen 5 for 20).

Today's cricket

HOVE: Sussex v Pakistanis (11.30 to 6.30).
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire (11.0 to 6.30).
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Somerset (11.0 to 6.30).
FOLKESTONE: Kent v Derbyshire (11.0 to 6.30).
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire (11.0 to 6.30).
LORD'S: Middlesex v Leicestershire (11.0 to 6.30).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan (11.0 to 6.30).
UNDER-25 COMPETITION (Semi-final)
BIRMINGHAM: Lancashire v Middlesex.
SECOND XI COMPETITION
OLD HILL (nr Dudley): Worcestershire II v Leicestershire II.
MINOR COUNTIES
SHREWSBURY: Shropshire v Devon.

Final Test match averages

England

Batting

	M	I	NO	R	HI	Av
K. W. R. Fletcher	6	7	3	397	123*	99.25
D. L. Amiss	6	9	1	590	188	73.75
D. Lloyd	5	7	2	356	214*	71.20
J. H. Edrich	6	7	1	347	100*	57.83
M. H. Denness	6	8	1	380	118	54.28
A. W. Greig	6	6	0	249	106	41.50
A. P. E. Knott	6	6	0	158	83	26.33
C. M. Old	6	6	1	131	65	26.20
R. G. D. Willis	2	2	1	25	24	25.00
D. L. Underwood	6	6	1	89	43	17.80
G. Boycott	1	2	0	16	10	8.00
M. Hendrick	5	3	2	8	5	8.00
G. G. Arnold	5	4	0	18	10	4.50

* Signifies not out

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av
D. L. Underwood	180.5	73	364	21	17.33
M. Hendrick	155	30	410	20	20.50
C. M. Old	177.3	37	573	25	22.92
G. G. Arnold	186.5	41	504	20	25.20
A. W. Greig	150	39	398	14	28.43
R. G. D. Willis	71	12	226	7	32.28
D. Lloyd	4	0	17	0	—

Pakistan

Batting

	M	I	NO	R	HI	Av
Zaheer Abbas	3	6	0	324	240	54.00
Wasim Raja	2	4	1	135	53	45.00
Majid Khan	3	6	0	262	98	43.66
Mushtaq Mohammad	3	6	0	209	76	34.83
Sadiq Mohammad	3	6	0	148	43	24.66
Sarfraz Nawaz	3	5	2	70	53	23.33
Imran Khan	3	5	0	92	31	18.40
Intikhab Alam	3	5	1	50	32*	12.50
Shafiq Ahmed	1	2	0	25	18	12.50
Asif Iqbal	3	5	0	53	29	10.60
Wasim Bari	3	4	0	10	4	2.50
Asif Masood	3	3	3	23	17*	—

* Signifies not out

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av
Sarfraz Nawaz	121	34	259	9	28.77
Intikhab Alam	98.4	25	235	8	29.37
Asif Masood	104	28	235	7	33.57
Asif Iqbal	16	4	34	1	34.00
Mushtaq Mohammad	41	17	75	2	37.50
Imran Khan	112	26	258	5	51.60
Wasim Raja	25	6	75	1	75.00
Majid Khan	2	0	10	0	—

Results yesterday

First division

Leicester (1) 1 Birmingham (0) 1
Worthington Francis
(24,018)
Luton (0) 0 West Ham (0) 0
(16,931)
Stoke (0) 1 Everton (0) 1
Mahoney Latchford
(27,594)
Tottenham (0) 1 Man C (0) 2
Peters Bell, Booth
(20,079)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	4	4	0	0	7	0	8
Liverpool	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Carlisle	4	3	0	1	5	1	6
Everton	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Man City	4	3	0	1	7	5	6
Derby	4	1	3	0	4	3	5
Stoke	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Middlesbrough	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Wolves	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Chelsea	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Arsenal	4	2	0	2	5	4	4
QPR	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Sheffield Utd	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Leicester	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Newcastle	4	1	1	2	8	10	3
West Ham	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Leeds	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Coventry	4	0	2	2	5	8	2
Luton	4	0	2	2	2	6	2
Burnley	4	0	1	3	5	9	1
Birmingham	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
Tottenham	4	0	0	4	1	5	0

Second division

Aston Villa (1) 6 Hull (0) 0
Morgan (3), (18,973)
Graydon, Little,
Hamilton
Fulham (1) 3 Notts Co (0) 0
Slough, (9,373)
Conway,
Busby
Man U (1) 2 Portsmouth (0) 1
Daly Davies (pen)
McIlroy (42,547)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	4	3	1	0	9	1	7
Man Utd	3	3	0	0	8	1	6
Norwich	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Aston Villa	4	1	3	0	9	3	5
Sunderland	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Blackpool	4	1	2	1	5	3	4
Hull	4	1	2	1	5	10	4
Notts Co	4	1	2	1	2	4	4
Oxford	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
York	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Notts Forest	4	1	1	2	2	6	3
Orient	4	0	3	1	0	2	3
Bolton	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Bristol City	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Bristol Rovers	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Oldham	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Southampton	4	0	2	2	5	8	2
Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	5	5	2
Millwall	4	1	0	3	6	10	2
Sheffield Wed	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Cardiff	3	0	1	2	1	6	1
W Brom Albion	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

League Cup, first round replays

Bournem'th (0) 1 Gillingham (0) 1
Goddard Jacks
(5,774)
After extra time, 1-1 at 90 minutes.
Winners home to Hartlepool.
Brighton (0) 2 Reading (0) 2
Binney (pen) Wagstaff
Hollings Murray
(11,803)
After extra time, 1-1 at 90 minutes.
Winners home to Lincoln or Rotherham.
Lincoln (1) 1 Rotherham (0) 1
Smith Swift
(3,254)
After extra time, 1-1 at 90 minutes.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Arbroath 0, Partick 2; Ayr 2, Dundee United 2; Berwick 0, Hamilton 2; Clyde 1, Dumbarton 1; Clydebank 1, Airdrieonians 2; Cowdenbeath 1, Falkirk 3; Dundee 6, St Johnstone 1; East Fife 5, Alloa 1; Heart of Midlothian 2, Aberdeen 1; Meadowbank 1, Brechin 4; Montrose 1, Kilmarnock 1; Morton 1, Dunfermline 1; Mother ock 1: Morton 1, Dunfermline 1; Motherwell 2, Celtic 2; Queen of the South 2, Raith 0; Rangers 0, Hibernian 1; Stenhousemuir 0, East Stirlingshire 2; Stirling Albion 0, St Mirren 4; Stranraer 0, Queen's Park 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup, first round, first leg: Andover 2, Crawley 0; Barry 1, Bath 0; Bideford 0, Dorchester 1; Cheltenham 0, Trowbridge 1; Guildford and Dorking 1, Metropolitan Police 1; Kettering 6, Banbury 1; Waterlooville 2, Yeovil 1; Weymouth 3, Merthyr Tydfil 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Oxford City 1, Slough 0. Second division: Croydon 2, Corinthian-Casuals 2.

Everton keep record

Stoke C 1 Everton 1

Everton survived intense pressure in the last 15 minutes to escape with a point that kept intact their unbeaten League record of this season.

They went ahead in the 54th minute when Latchford outjumped the Stoke defence and headed wide of the Stoke goalkeeper.

But the goal sparked off an immediate revival from Stoke who were rewarded for their efforts in the 76th minute. The Stoke youngster, Haslegrave split the Everton defence with a pass that the Welsh international midfield player Mahoney slid home.

Leicester 1 Birmingham 1

Birmingham rallied after being a goal down at Leicester in a fast, exciting game.

Birmingham created the more dangerous early openings, Burns and Francis supplying the main threat. A Worthington shot went off the goalkeeper on to the post with the Birmingham goal vacant. In the forty-first minute a corner from Glover was headed on for Worthington to put Leicester ahead.

In the fifty-fourth minute Francis netted but was ruled offside: Francis scored after 65 minutes and Birmingham went boldly for a winner, Gallagher's shot crashing out from the underside of the bar.

Aston V 6 Hull C 0

The Irish international striker Morgan scored a hat-trick in Aston Villa's thrashing of Hull at Villa Park and promptly cost his club £12,000.

Morgan, whose goals came in the 26th, 48th and 77th minutes, was signed from Port Vale a year ago and part of the deal was that when Morgan scored 10 goals for Villa, Port Vale would receive a further £10,000 in addition to the fee of £25,000.

Morgan reached the target with his first goal and then added another £2,000 because the deal between the clubs had stipulated another £1,000 for each goal until he reaches 20.

Villa's other goals came from Graydon, Little and Hamilton.

Fulham 3 Notts Coun

Fulham cruised to their victory of the season and 3—0 win over Notts County le them firmly established as sec division leaders.

The Londoners, who have now scored seven goals in five days, dazzled County with their attacking flair after taking the measure of their opponents in the first 30 minutes.

But Fulham did not have it all their own way for in the 32nd minute Masson hit the bar with a 20 yard drive. That spurred Fulham, and with Mullery and Moore outstanding in midfield they went ahead after 39 minute with a header from Slough. Another header, this time by Co way after 68 minutes end County's hopes and three minut later Fulham scored their thi when Busby side footed the b in from three yards.

Manchester U 2 Portsmouth

Manchester United maintai their 100 per cent record aga a negative and uninspiring Pc mouth, who had the consolatio becoming the first second divi side to score against them season when Ron Davies from an 89th minute penalty Buchan had fouled Ellis.

But the former European c pions made heavy weather of should have been a simple after taking a 16th-minute through a Daly penalty a Stephenson handled a House centre.

United had many openings an were helped by the fact that the Portsmouth left-back Wilson was limping for the last 15 minutes of the first half and substituted at half-time by Ellis.

Not until the 78th minute did United clinch victory when Daly found McIlroy who shot low and accurately past Best from 1 yards.

Hand was booked for a foul Martin in the first half and Portsmouth club-mate Stephens for a foul on Pearson near t end. The United centre-half H ton was also booked in the closing minutes for a foul on Reynolds.

Revie to talk with players

Don Revie is to hold his first meeting with players since his appointment as England manager, at Manchester on September 21 and 22. Around 50 players will meet Revie and his assistant, Les Cocker. They will assemble after the matches on Saturday and return home on Sunday evening.

"The meeting will be a 'talk-in'—with no physical work", said Revie. "The intention is to put the players in the picture with regard to my plans and ideas."

A list of the players to be invited will be announced nearer the date, but by calling together such a large number, Revie should give a clear indication of which men he sees as holding the key to England's hopes for revival after the failure to qualify for the World Cup finals.

One of the main complaints of Revie's predecessor, Sir Alf Ramsey, was that he was rarely able to get players together apart from matches. The "talk-in" is intended to ease this problem and could eventually lead to regular training sessions for the England squad.

Revie has already begun a series of meetings with club managers to put over his ideas and may also try to organize a summer tour.

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iacometti to be idden by Piggott

ster Piggott will ride Giaco- l in the St Leger at Doncaster September 14. Giacometti, ed by Ryan Price at Findon, one of the winter ante-post urites for the Derby in which as ridden by Tony Murray, 's stable jockey.

cometti finished third in the and was earlier runner-up 2,000 Guineas. He has had once race since the Derby, ing fifth in the Eclipse Stakes down Park on July 6, when by Murray. Piggott, cur- leading this year's race for ockeys' championship, has he St Leger seven times.

was suggested that Piggott ride Giacometti in the , but this was firmly refuted an Price. Giacometti, un- in three races as a two-year- d rated only 10lb behind the lt, Apachalee, in the Free cap, has been ridden by Tony y in all his races.

firming Piggott's booking, netti's joint owner, Charles orge, said: "Giacometti is at shape." Ladbrokes, Hills rals have introduced Giacometti at 5-1 in the ante-post betting.

Ladbrokes full betting on the race is now: 7-4 Bustino, 9-4 English Prince, 5-1 Giacometti, 7-1 Imperial Prince, 20-1 Straight As A Die, 100-1 Grey Thunder, Arthurian, Straight Flight, 200-1 others.

The Derby winner Snow Knight is a surprise absentee from the St Leger acceptors. Peter Nelson, the Lamborn trainer, explained: "I can confirm that Mr Edward Taylor has bought a major holding in Snow Knight and that he will be leaving shortly for Canada, where he will race and subsequently go to stud at one of Mr Taylor's stud farms." The 43 acceptors are:

Abide With Me, Arthurian, Ashmore, Blaribo, Bustino, Canonbie Lee, Crash Course, Dakota, Dubrovnik, Duke of Marmalade, English Prince, Exceptional, Fair Breeze, Flower Rose, Galveston, Giacometti, The Grandson, Grey Thunder, Gundolead, High Call, High Church, Imperial Prince, Invitation, Look For Reason, Love Tale, Manual Oni, Moon Hill, Ninfas, Noble Beauty, Noblero, Pont De Chanceau, Ribbon Lake, Riboson, Rosetti, Son of Silver, Straight As A Die, Straight Flight, Talk Of The Town, Tanan, Tenacio, Yukon River, Zarate.

Greville Starkey has only his second ride at Ripon this season when he partners Fats Waller in the Ladbroke Nursery Handicap qualifying race on Saturday. His other ride was on Elena La Paz in May, when he finished second.

Mandemon for fifth successive win

By Jim Snow

Few horses of class or distinction are seen out between York's August meeting and the St Leger meeting at Doncaster. At today's four meetings at Haydock Park, Brighton, Beverley and Yarmouth, quality gives way to quantity. But, fields in general are strong, betting will take a wide range, and the task of winner finding is much more difficult, as it is no easy matter to sort out the useful horse from the near to useful in handicaps, and the finding of the right answer to maiden events and selling handicaps requires the wisdom of Solomon laced with a large slice of luck.

At Haydock Park, where the prize money with four races worth £1,000 and more, is ahead of the other three meetings, Mandemon tries for his fifth successive victory in the Colonel Ashton Handicap (one mile and a half). His trainer, Jimmy Etherington, one of the most popular and likable flat race jockeys in the north before he decided two years ago to take out his licence, has placed this big, strong three-year-old with much skill in the past five weeks. There have been four quick victories, but despite this fine record Mandemon carries only 7 st 8 lb. He goes well for his 7 lb claiming apprentice, Richard Barker, will have only 7 st 1 lb, and Bruce Hobbs's Clove Hitch, Pat Rohan's Bugle Boy, and Mick Easterby's Pablond will find it hard to give him the weight.

Patrick Eddery, who rides Pablond is likely to win the St Nicholas Plate on Peter Walwyn's Foiled Again. The filly is by Bold Lad and cost the hefty sum last year of 33,000 guineas. She started at 20-1 when she was beaten half a length last month at Ascot by One Over Parr. This was a first outing of much promise, and she should be too good for Gordon Smyth's Noble Dancer and Denys Smith's Carnlea, the winner of two races.

The time may at long last have come for Anak Malaysia in the mile and a quarter Restoration Stakes. Eric Cousins's four-year-old was third to Old Lucky in the Royal Hunt cup, and throughout this season his number has continued to go into the frame, but not in first position. Eddery may start the afternoon by winning the Alexander Rigby Plate on Achillea, and topweight might not be too much for Mr David Robinson's Kashmir Love in the Lilburne Handicap. This will be Kashmir Love's first run since he was beaten a short head at Doncaster in June under 9st 1lb by Sky Lord. Earlier in June he gave a fine display to win by three lengths over Haydock Park's seven furlongs—*the distance this afternoon.*

At Beverley Edward Hide, inching steadily towards his century, has good prospects of a double on Larkhill in the Figham Stakes and on *Sindab* in the Saturday Market Handicap. Larkhill made a most encouraging start to his career when he was beaten a short head at Redcar in May. He has since won at Thirsk and Ayr, but it is possible that he will find Desert Flame, to whom he gives 10lb, a real danger. Harry Wragg's filly, a half sister to two useful winners, was third at Newmarket behind Misoptimist, and with her advantage in the weights she should not be far away from Larkhill at the finish. Sindab, like Anak Malaysia has throughout the season found one or two just too good for him, but he has run consistently, and I feel a race must come his way before long.

At Ripon on Tuesday, Sam Hall was viewing the immediate future for his horses with a gloomy foreboding. "All of them are running far below my expectations. Probably it is the virus again", he remarked to me after the defeat of his much fancied Foil. Although it is chancing the arm to select a horse from a stable under a temporary cloud I give Broughty Harbour a good chance in the mile and a half Burton Constable Handicap. The three-year-old won his last race over one mile five furlongs at Ayr by three lengths, and he looks well in with 8st 9lb, reduced 5lb by the allowance of his talented and successful apprentice rider, Oliver Gray.

Lester Piggott goes to Brighton *where he may have two winning* rides for Robert Armstrong on Plum Preserves in the Sidney Thompson Memorial Nursery and on Samoa Tan in the Ovingdean Stakes. Ryan Price's Percewood, penalized 6lb for last week's victory, and Musical Comedy, beaten a short head at Goodwood by Melody Hour, may prove the best selection for the Hurstpierpoint Handicap and the Southwick Stakes.

Edward Hide got within four of his century for the season when winning on Two And A Quarter in the Cromwell Handicap at Haydock yesterday. "But I had to put up with six seconds beforehand", he said after the easy victory on Tom Shedden's three-year-old. Two And A Quarter took up the running approaching the two furlong marker and was not troubled to win by a length and a half.

There are few tougher or more genuine horses than Blastavon, the winner of the Cavalier Stakes in the hands of John Reid. The trainer, Gavin Hunter, said: "He has run 14 times this season and won five races. And that's on top of three previous wins".

Another hardy animal is Nick Vivors's Alezan Dore, who won her first race at the 10th attempt this season when making virtually all the running in the Royal Oak Plate. Heavy betting on Bernard van Cutsem's Couteau went astray. *The filly* was beaten by two lengths.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: good. Great Yarmouth: good to firm. Brighton: firm. Beverley: good. Devon and Exeter: good. Kempton Park (tomorrow): good. Chester: good.

erley programme

IGHAM STAKES (2-y-o : £654 : 5f)

211	Larkhill (D), N. Angus, 8-11	E. Hide	2
1220	Look North (CD), M. H. Easterby, 8-11	M. Birch	4
3100	Golden Victory (D), N. Crump, 8-8	J. Curant	3
	Nutshell, P. Beasley, 8-4	—	1
203	Desert Flame, H. Wragg, 8-1	E. Johnson	5

arkhill, 7-4 Desert Flame, 5-1 Look North, 8-1 Golden Victory, 12-1

UGUST PLATE (3-y-o : £414 : 7f)

0104	Goldhills Son, J. Etherington, 8-11	C. Dwyer	6
0031	Bouchette (D), G. Toft, 8-8	B. Connorton	2
010-	My Christine, K. Payne, 8-8	J. Curant	4
0003	Twilight Fortune, D. Thom, 8-8	E. Hide	3
0000	Super Boy, H. Jones, 8-6	P. Kelleher	5
0034	Unknown Melody, F. Carr, 8-6	C. Eccleston	8
4201	Olive Blue, M. W. Easterby, 8-8	G. Cadwaladr	1
0000	Star-Stone, J. Mulhall, 8-3	S. Salmon 5	7

ouchette, 7-2 Unknown Melody, 9-2 Olive Blue, 5-1 Goldhills Son, 6-1 Fortune, 8-1 My Christine, 14-1 others.

SE SPRINT HANDICAP (£606 : 5f)

220	Chantro (CD), J. W. Watts, 4-9-3	E. Hide	3
1003	White Hope (CD), P. Davey, 3-8-12	C. Wigham 5	11
1110	Parlais (CD), W. Wharton, 3-8-10	O. Gray 5	6
140	Fair Dandy (D), H. Blackshaw, 4-8-5	—	9
000	Alexben (D), K. Payne, 5-8-1	J. Curant	5
040	Lunar Queen, E. Weymes, 3-8-1	S. Perks	2
102	Anton Lad (D), J. Mulhall, 4-7-12	S. Salmon 5	10
302	Red Aster (D), F. Carr, 4-7-12	M. Pepper 7	8
000	Debona (D), S. Nesbitt, 4-7-11	M. Kettle	12
130	Gold Pension (D), N. Angus, 4-7-7	C. Eccleston	7
000	Slitheroe (D), F. Wiles, 7-7-7	J. Higgins	1
032	Regal Bingo (D), F. Freeman, 8-7-7	T. Rogers	13
000	Bower Club (CD), A. Balding, 4-7-7	S. Webster 7	4

antro, 5-1 White Hope, 6-1 Parlais, 7-1 Anton Lad, 8-1 Red Aster, ly, 10-1 Gold Pension, 12-1 Alexben, Debona, 14-1 Lunar Queen, 16-1

TURDAY MARKET HANDICAP (£627 : 7f)

134	Closed Circuit (D), M. Stoute, 4-9-2	E. Johnson	3
310	Gold Loom, W. Gray, 5-8-12	M. Hancock 7	8
104	Court Circus (D), K. Payne, 4-8-10	J. Curant	5
303	Floradora Do (D), Mrs Lomax, 3-8-4	J. Woodward 7	9
323	Sindab (D), J. W. Watts, 3-8-3	E. Hide	6
100	Martin Stephen (C), G. Toft, 4-8-1	B. Connorton	4
434	Kenco, W. Haigh, 5-8-1	C. Eccleston	7
142	Star Poem, N. Angus, 4-7-7	S. Salmon 5	1
100	Cresta Rose, W. Wharton, 4-7-7	M. Thomas	2

dab, 100-30 Closed Circuit, 9-2 Court Circus, 5-1 Floradora Do, 7-1 , 10-1 Kenco, 16-1 others.

RTON CONSTABLE HANDICAP (3-y-o : £587 : 1½m)

04	Silver Strand (C), P. Davey, 9-6	C. Wigham 5	6
20	Floor Show (D), H. Jones, 8-13	P. Kelleher	8
01	Missed, Doug Smith, 8-10	T. McKeown	10
01	Tinella, M. H. Easterby, 8-10	M. Birch	3
21	Broughty Harbour, S. Hall, 8-9	O. Gray 5	9
01	Salvo of Conkers, J. Ormston, 8-6	G. Cadwaladr	5
20	Sky Bonnet, J. W. Watts, 8-2	E. Hide	1
10	Top Town (D), W. Holden, 8-2	B. Connorton	2
04	Henry's Doublet, J. Etherington, 8-0	M. Thomas	7
00	Madame Rochas, P. Beasley, 7-9	—	4

er Strand, 4-1 Salvo of Conkers, 9-2 Tinella, 5-1 Missed, 6-1 Broughty 7-1 Sky Bonnet, 8-1 Floor Show, 10-1 others.

EEMEN'S PLATE (£276 : 1½m)

144	Rhett Butler, F. Carr, 4-9-5	M. Blackshaw	2
301	Old Jolyon, R. Jarvis, 8-10	M. Thomas	3
421	Supreme Gold, W. Hall, 3-8-7	E. Hide	5
330	Avoca Belle, C. Searle, 3-8-3	J. Curant	1
100	Tudor Shoon, Denys Smith, 3-8-2	P. Kelleher	4

Jolyon, 5-2 Supreme Gold, 11-4 Rhett Butler, 7-1 Avoca Belle, 10-1 on.

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CHILL is specially recommended. 2.45 Olive Blue. 3.15 Red Aster. b. 4.15 Broughty Harbour. 4.45 Supreme Gold.

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t Flame. 3.15 White Hope. 4.15 Missed. 4.45 Old Jolyon.

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HWICK STAKES (2-y-o : £512 : 5f 66yd)

0	Baby Blair, R. Smyth, 9-0	—	2
0	Flintgate, C. Brittain, 9-0	A. Barclay	1
	Hard Attack, R. Price, 9-0	A. Murray	4
0	Yamadori, R. Houghton, 9-0	F. Morby	6
2	Musical Comedy, J. Dunlop, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	5
2	Tavella, R. Armstrong, 8-11	L. Piggott	3

vella, 9-4 Musical Comedy, 7-1 Yamadori, Hard Attack, 10-1 Baby Flintgate.

EN DIALS STAKES (£468 : 6f)

0	Gold Stick (C), P. Makin, 4-9-4	G. Baxter	6
2	Pilbara Dust (CD), D. Marks, 5-9-4	J. Lynch	5
4	Citizen Kane, J. Hindley, 3-9-0	A. Kimberley	9
0	Emlay, K. Cundell, 3-8-11	Ron Hutchinson	7
0	Full Marks (D), S. Ingham, 3-8-11	—	2
4	Koala (D), G. Balding, 9-8-11	P. Winter 7	3
0	The Soloist, J. Sutcliffe jun, 4-8-11	R. Rouse	8
3	Lazay, T. Darling, 3-8-7	G. Oldroyd	1
0	Princess Song, P. Cole, 3-8-4	D. Dineley 7	4

ra Dust, 9-2 Gold Stick, Citizen Kane, 11-2 Koala, 7-1 Lazay, Full Emlay, 20-1 others.

EY THOMPSON HANDICAP (2-y-o : £958 : 7f)

3	Plum Preserves, R. Armstrong, 9-7	L. Piggott	6
2	Attymon Beauty (D), P. Cole, 8-6	R. Edmondson	3
4	Teftu, T. Gosling, 8-6	J. Lynch	5
4	King Solomon (D), G. Hunter, 8-5	—	4
0	Desert Fire, Mrs A. Oughton, 8-4	G. Ramshaw	2
1	Frankly Speaking, D. Dartnall, 7-7	R. Still	7
0	Jim Coiner, J. Sutcliffe jun, 7-5	R. Street	1

m Preserves, 4-1 Attymon Beauty, 11-2 Teftu, Frankly Speaking. lomon, 10-1 Desert Fire, 14-1 Jim Coiner.

STPIERPOINT HANDICAP (£812 : 1½m)

3	Trumpet Dance (D), D. Morley, 5-8-4	L. Piggott	4
1	Percewood (CD), H. Price, 3-8-3	—	2
0	Scottish Velvet, R. Akehurst, 4-7-13	R. Millman 7	3
a	Belle Bretonne (CD), S. Woodman, 3-7-13	R. Fox 7	7
0	King Caspar, W. Swainson, 4-7-12	G. Baxter	6
5	Black Stream, D. Whelan, 4-7-7	—	1
2	Just Jolly, V. Cross, 3-7-7	—	5

cewood, 7-2 Belle Bretonne, 6-1 Just Lolly, 9-1 Scottish Velvet, et Dance, King Caspar, 20-1 Black Stream.

OMBE HANDICAP (£652 : 1m)

0	Barton Mills (CD), J. Hindley, 7-9-1	A. Kimberley	4
0	All My Love, R. Akehurst, 4-8-3	—	1
3	Hornbeak (CD), R. Armytage, 8-8-1	—	3
0	Dawn Affair, T. Gates, 4-7-9	—	6
0	Siren Prince, R. Sturdy, 4-7-7	J. Reid 7	5
-	Blondestreak, R. Akehurst, 4-7-7	R. Millman 7	2

n Mills, 11-2 Dawn Affair, 7-1 All My Love, Hornbeak, 10-1 Blonde- Siren Prince.

IGDEAN STAKES (3-y-o fillies : £520 : 1½m)

2	Dinah Do, D. Whelan, 8-11	G. Baxter	6
0	Go Perrys, K. Cundell, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	8
3	High Density, G. Balding, 8-11	J. Matthias 5	1
4	Jill Owens, M. Stoute, 8-11	P. Cook	2
0	Samoa Tan, R. Armstrong, 8-11	L. Piggott	3
u	Surtout, C. Brittain, 8-11	A. Barclay	4
0	Weepers Rose, F. Maxwell, 8-11	J. Lynch	7
0	Future Chance, G. Smyth, 8-11	A. Murray	5

ture Chance, 4-1 Samoa Tan, 6-1 Dinah Do, 8-1 High Density, Jill . Weepers Rose, 20-1 others.

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Comedy. 2.30 Pilbara Dust. 3.0 Plum Preserves. 3.30 PERCE- ecially recommended. 4.0 Barton Mills. 4.30 Samoa Tan.

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2.30 Citizen Kane. 3.0 Plum Preserves. 4.0 Barton Mills. 4.30

Great Yarmouth programme

2.15 MAGDALEN ESTATE HANDICAP (3-y-o : £598 : 1m)

2	2-1	Silesian, I. Clayton, 9-3	J. Egan	1
3	000021	Whirlow Green, J. Winter, 9-1	B. Taylor	6
4	001004	High Bounty (D), A. Dalton, 8-4	G. Duffield	5
10	440000	Lucy Anne, G. P-Gordon, 7-13	E. Eldin	7
12	403414	Hill Too (C), H. Smyth, 7-13	A. Bond 4	4
15	002030	Fluent, H. Price, 7-7	D. Noble	2
17	243340	Poco Bueno, D. Weeden, 7-7	D. McKay	3

2-1 Silesian, 9-2 Whirlow Green, 5-1 Hill Too, 7-1 High Bounty, 8-1 Fluent, 12-1 Lucy Anne, 20-1 Poco Bueno.

2.45 HAVEN BRIDGE STAKES (2-y-o : £319 : 5f 25yds)

1	000	Balzan, D. Thom, 8-11	F. Durr	7
3	0000	Scarlet Wonder, W. O'Gorman, 8-11	—	4
4	040	Bang Bang Lulu, T. Gosling, 8-8	C. Williams	2
10	00	Grey Pollen, R. Jarvis, 8-8	E. Eldin	1
12	02	Kist, K. Payne, 8-8	E. Marshall	5
14	220040	Nashville Lady, K. Payne, 8-8	T. Lappin	3
19	0	Variety Act, D. Ringer, 8-8	—	6

7-4 Grey Pollen, 9-4 Kist, 4-1 Bang Bang Lulu, 11-2 Nashville Lady, 12-1 Balzan, 20-1 Scarlet Wonder, Variety Act.

3.15 COUNTY BOROUGH HANDICAP (3-y-o : £587 : 6f)

1	040022	Salaria, R. Jarvis, 9-1	E. Eldin	5
3	300-100	Rosy Rainbow (D), A. Dalton, 8-9	G. Starkey	3
4	000120	Riverenegold (D), R. Jarvis, 8-4	F. Durr	1
5	000030	Princess Donna (D), G. Blum, 7-13	G. Duffield	2
6	031040	Happy Outcome (D), W. Holden, 7-7	D. Cullen	6
7	00-0040	Miss Legs, G. Smyth, 7-10	D. Maitland	4

7-4 Salaria, 11-4 Riverenegold, 9-2 Miss Legs, 6-1 Rosy Rainbow, 8-1 Happy Outcome, 10-1 Princess Donna.

3.45 BRADWELL HANDICAP (£587 : 1¼m)

1	01-00	Disclose, G. P-Gordon, 3-9-10	B. Taylor	2
4	004210	The Baker (D), D. Gandolfo, 4-9-1	A. Bond 5	8
5	112-000	Plat Du Jour (C), T. Waugh, 3-9-0	G. Duffield	3
6	312-401	Impromptu (CD), B. Lunness, 3-8-10	F. Durr	5
7	102042	Verdant Green (D), J. Oxley, 5-8-6	G. Starkey	1
8	0-03443	Proceed, Doug Smith, 4-8-2	E. Eldin	7
9	001101	Final Call (CD), B. Hanbury, 7-8-1	H. Ballantine 5	6
13	00-0000	Open Verdict, P. Robinson, 5-7-7	D. Maitland	4

5-2 Final Call, 100-30 Verdant Green, 5-1 Disclose, Impromptu, 7-1 Plat Du Jour, 8-1 Proceed, 12-1 The Baker, 16-1 Open Verdict.

4.15 PEDDARS CROSS PLATE (2-y-o : £276 : 6f)

1	00	Abervine, M. Stoute, 9-0	C. Williams	13
3	0	Devis, J. Hindley, 9-0	D. McKay	8
5	0	Fittipaldi, R. Armstrong, 9-0	J. Egan	11
6	00	George Cross, D. Smith, 9-0	E. Eldin	1
10	023	Layawake, P. Robinson, 9-0	P. Tulk	5
12		Altriva, G. P-Gordon, 8-11	D. Maitland	10
15	0	David's Daughter, G. P-Gordon, 8-11	B. Taylor	4
16	00	Derring Maid, D. Weeden, 8-11	—	6
17	00	Elfin Smile, R. Jarvis, 8-11	D. Cullen	2
20		Live Lawyer, H. Cecil, 8-11	F. Storey	7
23	032	Musical Piece, B. Hanbury, 8-11	G. Duffield	12
24	0	Pardahlia, H. Wragg, 8-11	G. Starkey	3
25		Pleasure Lane, R. Armstrong, 8-11	F. Durr	9

11-4 Layawake, 7-2 Musical Piece, 4-1 George Cross, 6-1 Live Lawyer, 8-1 Devis, 10-1 Pardahlia, 12-1 David's Daughter, Fittipaldi, 14-1 others.

4.45 JOHN BECKETT PLATE (3-y-o : £474 : 1¾m)

2	223-411	Bronzetto, J. Dunlop, 9-8	A. Bond 5	1
3	2-02001	Hiram Maxim (CD), H. Cottrill, 9-8	F. Durr	2

4-6 Bronzetto, 11-10 Hiram Maxim.

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2.15 Silesian. 2.45 Kist. 3.15 Safaria. 3.45 Impromptu. 4.15 Musical Piece. 4.45 Hiram Maxim.

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2.15 Silesian. 2.45 Grey Pollen. 3.15 Riverenegold. 3.45 Verdant Green. 4.15 Musical Piece. 4.45 Hiram Maxim.

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2.30 BUCKFASTLEIGH HURDLE (£204 : 2m 40yds)

1	1-30	Culmleigh Duke, L. Cottrell, 10-11-5	Mr G. Down 7
3	10p-224	Glenroyal, F. Gorman, 9-11-5	Mr D. Curtis 7
4	014-	Iranian Court, H. Manners, 7-11-5	G. Old
5	00023-2	Just Paddy (CD), F. Yardley, 9-11-5	P. Barton 7
6	000	Holy Leap, R. Keenor, 9-10-12	M. Wagner 3
10	000022-	Never Dip, W. Williams, 5-10-12	M. Mooney 7

6-4 Just Paddy, 100-30 Culmleigh Duke, 9-2 Glenroyal, 6-1 Iranian Court, 8-1 Never Dip, 20-1 Holy Leap.

3.0 VISCOUNTESS PETERSHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £374 : 2m 40yds)

1	024-110	Darcon (CD), L. Kennard, 8-11-12	A. Andrews 5
2	410010-	Takasaki, K. Cundell, 6-11-1	R. Pitman
4	00-33	Latan Furze, A. Stevens, 7-10-9	W. Smith
5	0001-13	Admiral's Game, L. Cottrell, 8-10-0	L. Lungo
7	101-401	Argol (CD), W. Williams, 7-10-0	—
8	44p-423	Polish Hard, J. S. Evans, 8-10-0	N. Wakley

9-4 Darcon, 11-4 Argol, 7-2 Polish Hard, 5-1 Takasaki, 13-2 Latan Furze, 12-1 Admiral's Game.

3.30 ASHBURTON HURDLE (Novices : £304 : 2m 40yds)

3	0000-0p	Beau of Serro, J. S. Evans, 5-11-5	N. Wakley
4	00p0-03	Delphinus, W. Williams, 6-11-5	M. Mooney 7
5	00	Isle of Wight, D. Barons, 6-11-5	V. Soane
6	p-00	Joden, H. Payne, 5-11-5	—
7	0000-40	Madamakin, I. Edwards, 6-11-5	Mr G. Edwards 7
8	f20430-	Polly Wall, Mrs E. Kennard, 8-11-5	B. Forsey
12	0-3	Lost Cause, V. Cross, 4-11-0	J. King
15	000-0	Spanish Fun, W. Sleeman, 4-11-0	T. Hallett 7
17	0	Tumble Rock, A. Stevens, 3-10-5	W. Smith

7-4 Tumble Rock, 11-4 Isle of Wight, 4-1 Delphinus, 9-2 Lost Cause, 10-1 Beau of Serro, 20-1 others.

4.0 JOHN TILLING STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £414 : 3m 1f)

1	12011-4	Fort Lodge (CD), P. Tylor, 9-12-7	—
2	221-223	Kuluwand (CD), G. Balding, 9-11-5	Mr R. Linley 7
3	f3p2pp-	Jacqueline's Pearl, D. Barons, 8-11-1	V. Soane
4	231220-	Redder's Boy (D), A. Hobbs, 10-10-11	Mr P. Hobbs 7
6	122p-p0	Thesauros (C), J. S. Evans, 9-10-6	N. Wakley
7	p3-1121	Blue Goblin (C), C. Bewicke, 6-10-10	J. King

4-5 Blue Goblin, 4-1 Kuluwand, 6-1 Jacqueline's Pearl, 8-1 Thesauros, 10-1 Fort Lodge, 14-1 Redder's Boy.

4.30 LIVERTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £204 : 2m 40yds)

1	04p4p-1	Last Crack, C. Bewicke, 7-12-8	J. King
6	00p0-34	Hy Babu, H. Manners, 9-11-12	P. McEntee
7	0pC01-	Mickey Mouse, T. Forster, 5-11-7	G. Thorner
9	00021-3	Captain Clover, A. Stevens, 4-10-12	W. Smith

11-8 Last Crack, 7-4 Captain Clover, 7-2 Mickey Mouse, 10-1 Hy Babu.

5.0 AMATEUR RIDERS' HURDLE (Handicap : £374 : 3m 1f)

1		* Caballito, H. Wakeham, 5-12-7	Mr P. Wakeham 7
2	p	Long Quest, W. Sheedy, 5-12-7	Mr J. Price 7
3	420-111	Roiyat (CD), G. Balding, 8-11-12	Mr R. Linley 7
5	0023-32	Bud, M. James, 7-11-1	Lord Oaksey
7	224p-12	Chingley Lass (C), W. Sleeman, 8-11-1	Mr C. Micklem 5
8	003-3bf	Elco, R. Keenor, 7-10-7	Mr M. Reeves 5
9	fp20-p3	Mr Vimy, J. Old, 11-10-5	Mr J. Brown 7
10	042-p04	Lord Ted, N. Mitchell, 10-10-3	Mr N. Mitchell 7
12	00-	Lord Vulgan, B. Thornely, 8-10-0	Mr B. Thornley 7
13	000-0	Way Willie, W. Taylor, 7-10-0	Mr G. Jones 7
14	3p00-	Tipple, R. Pincombe, 6-10-0	Mr G. Edwards 7
15	00000-0	Oriental Spice, R. Pincombe, 5-10-0	Mr S. Long 7

10-11 Roiyat, 3-1 Bud, 9-2 Chingley Lass, 11-2 Elco, 10-1 Mr Vimy, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

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2.30 Just Paddy. 3.0 Argol. 3.30 Delphinus. 4.0 Blue Goblin. 4.30 Last Crack. 5.0 Roiyat.

Haydock Park programme

2.15 ALEXANDER RIGBY PLATE (2-y-o : £483 : 7f 40yds)

102		Baldur, Denys Smith, 8-11	M. Goreham	4
108		Double Yolk, S. Hall, 8-11	L. Brown	12
112	0	Ice King, C. Brittain, 8-11	W. Carson	14
113	0	Icy Camp, S. Norton, 8-11	M. Wood 7	17
114	00	Kung Fu, M. Jarvis, 8-11	B. Raymond	9
115	00	Marshall Law, P. Rohan, 8-11	P. Miers	16
[illegible]	0-01	[illegible]	J. Gorton	3
118	00	Tredamus, D. Plant, 8-11	—	13
125	0	Achillea, G. P.-Gordon, 8-8	P. Eddery	5
127	0000	Chare, R. C. Ward, 8-8	D. Walters 7	18
128		Conyer, J. W. Watts, 8-8	T. Ives	15
129	00	Fiery Sovereign, R. C. Ward, 8-8	D. Letherby	11
132	0	Just Swanee, D. Holmes, 8-8	J. Skilling	8
134	0	Michelle, G. Wallace, 8-8	I. Emes 5	6
135	0	Mystic Halo, L. Shedden, 8-8	G. Cadwaladr	7
139	00	Sindovid, D. McCain, 8-8	C. Moss	2
140		Sixpenny Ryme, C. Crossley, 8-8	—	1
141	00004	Solar Crescent, D. Doyle, 8-8	A. Cousins	10

2-1 Kung Fu, 5-2 Solar Crescent, 7-2 Achillea, 5-1 Sindovid, 8-1 Ice King, 12-1 others.

2.45 CHARLES HANDICAP (£483 : 1m 40yds)

201	010410	Off Games, P. Cole, 3-8-13	B. Raymond	10
204	002024	Hors D'Oevres (C), R. C. Ward, 3-8-6	—	7
205	110000	Free Girl, J. Cousins, 4-8-6	M. Goreham	11
207	003040	Salomon, G. Wallace, 3-8-5	I. Emes 5	13
208	000030	Golden Herb, J. Etherington, 3-8-4	L. Brown	1
209	0-00411	Broomstone (D), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-4	C. Moss	4
212	00-0404	Spirit of Ecstasy, J. Turner, 3-8-2	E. Larkin	9
214	000000	Pasko, A. Goodwill, 3-8-2	—	3
216	004000	Tragacanth, K. Payne, 4-8-1	T. Ives	12
218	000000	Celtic Gwen, J. Calvert, 3-7-12	A. Horrocks	5
220	340000	Madama, C. Crossley, 3-7-9	—	14
221	0-03000	Thats Penny, R. Hollinshead, 3-7-9	K. Lewis 5	8
222	000000	Vila Real, R. Hollinshead, 3-7-8	P. Moore 7	6
223	00-0010	Jolly Sam, L. Barratt, 4-7-7	W. Carson	2

3-1 Broomstone, 4-1 Golden Herb, 5-1 Hors d'Oevres, 6-1 Spirit of Ecstasy, Off Games, 8-1 Thats Penny, Jolly Sam, 12-1 others.

3.15 LILBURNE HANDICAP (£862 : 7f 40yds)

301	220012	Kashmir Love (CD), M. Jarvis, 3-9-4	B. Raymond	2
303	004420	Grasp Saint, R. Houghton, 4-8-6	P. Eddery	4
306	230420	Red Dawn, C. Crossley, 4-7-12	—	6
307	00-0022	Push On, Denys Smith, 4-7-12	M. Goreham	7
308	403200	Princely Mount, R. Hollinshead, 4-7-8	W. Carson	5
309	0-00000	Kayandjay, L. Shedden, 3-7-8	M. Bray 7	1
311	010000	Native Serenade, J. Etherington, 3-7-7	R. Barker 7	8
312	00-0040	Be Gentle, J. Calvert, 7-7-7	A. Horrocks	3

15-8 Push On, 5-2 Kashmir Love, 5-1 Grasp Saint, 6-1 Red Dawn, Princely Mount, 8-1 Be Gentle, 12-1 others.

3.45 COLONEL ASHTON HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,280 : 1½m)

401	33010-4	Clove Hitch, B. Hobbs, 8-11	J. Gorton	7
403	20-2330	Bugle Boy, P. Rohan, 8-1	P. Miers	6
404	00-0122	Ballmar, G. P.-Hoblyn, 8-1	P. Eddery	4
405	0-03002	Pablond (C), M. H. Easterby, 8-1	L. Brown	8
406	133	Loop the Loop, S. Hall, 7-13	M. Goreham	5
407	013340	Palcko, B. Hills, 7-10	W. Carson	2
408	231111	Mandemon (D), J. Etherington, 7-8	R. Barker 7	1
410	210330	Palace Rose (D), F. Carr, 7-7	L. Parkes	3

9-4 Mandemon, 3-1 Palcko, 5-1 Ballmar, Bugle Boy, 8-1 Pablond, 10-1 Loop the Loop, 12-1 others.

4.15 ST NICHOLAS PLATE (2-y-o : £828 : 6f)

502	012130	Carnlea (CD), Denys Smith, 9-4	M. Goreham	7
507	01	Regal Tack (D), D. Holmes, 8-11	T. Ives	1
513	00	Golden Lad, M. Jarvis, 8-6	B. Raymond	2
513		Gold Yarn, P. Rohan, 8-6	P. Miers	5
514		Pisang Mas, E. Cousins, 8-6	E. Wilson	9
516	2	Foiled Again, P. Walwyn, 8-3	P. Eddery	6
517	00000	Gala Galore, L. Shedden, 8-3	M. Bray 7	8
519	0	Lunar Bell, L. Shedden, 8-3	G. Cadwaladr	3
522	12	Noble Dancer (D), G. Smyth, 8-11	G. Lewis	4

5-4 Noble Dancer, 5-2 Foiled Again, 4-1 Carnlea, 8-1 Regal Tack, 10-1 Gold Yarn, 12-1 others.

4.45 RESTORATION STAKES (£783 : 1¼m 131yds)

601	000004	Evermore, G. Balding, 4-9-7	P. Eddery	3
602	0-00430	Hard Sailor, J. Calvert, 4-9-7	M. Goreham	2
603	234230	Anak Malaysia, E. Cousins, 5-9-4	E. Wilson	8
604	000033	Brigant (C), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-4	A. Cousins	6
605	030340	Hullo Again, J. Etherington, 4-9-4	L. Brown	5
607	3-23040	Pierino (C), D. Sasse, 4-9-2	—	4
609	4-12141	Murton Crags, T. Craig, 5-8-13	C. Rodrigues 7	1
610	00	Sirocco Siren, R. Sturdy, 5-8-6	B. Raymond	7

5-2 Murton Crags, 3-1 Hard Sailor, Evermore, 7-2 Anak Malaysia, 8-1 Pierino, 12-1 others.

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2.15 Achillea. 2.45 Broomstone. 3.15 Kashmir Love. 3.45 Mandemon. 4.15 FOILED AGAIN is specially recommended. 4.45 Anak Malaysia.

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2.15 Kung Fu. 3.15 Kashmir Love. 3.45 Clove Hitch.

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TOLL GAVEL HANDICAP
m)

. by Atlceelagh—Vienna
r W. Sylvester), 3-8-11
Connorton (5-2 jt fav) 1
c. by Songedor—Al Be
Ir B. Kerrigan), 4-9-11
J. Curant (16-1) 2
rch, br c. by Highland
Red Perch (Mr M.
), 3-8-0
S. Freeman (10-1) 3

N: 5-2 jt fav Cairndhu, 4-1 n 13-2 Tid (4th), 10-1 0-1 Serag, Tudor Gue, yal Cornet, Avocet Tracy.

in. 39p; places, 20p, 50p, oft, at Beverley. 3l, 1½l. lo bid for the winner.

ROUTH MAIDEN PLATE
lles: £276: 5f)

sing, ch f. by Frankin-
asdeux (Mr G. Reed),
...... P. Kelleher (6-1) 1
b f. by Derring Do—
Mr J. Spriggs), 8-11
M. Birch (20-1) 2
rtion, ch f. by Moss-
or Major Portion—
Bee (Mr R. Mason),
.... W. Higgins (20-1) 3

N: 4-1 fav Salamantar, 5-1 11-2 Kelso Belle, 10-1 ine. Amber Flyer (4th), reams, 14-1 Ribero's Over- Flower, Sharon-Ann, 16-1 20-1 Privy Court, Easter Best Way, Managua. Last manti, 33-1 Florica, Golden yn, Pikella, Royal Bride. ran.

in. £1.27; places, 61p, 99p. Hall, at Middleham. 1½l.

3.15 (3.16) WILLIAM HILL JOHN HUDSON MEMORIAL (2-y-o Nursery Handicap: £1,654: 5f)

Son of Ragusa, ch c, by Ragusa—Lovely Virginia (Mr H. Swarbrick), 7-9 C. Eccleston (8-1) 1
Bien Elonne, ch f, by Jimmy Reppin—Ranjita (Mr G. van der Ploeg), 6-9 .... S. Hill (8-1) 2
First Band, br g, by Track Spare —Panderwick (Mr R. Mason), 7-0 .... W. Higgins (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav La Magne, 11-4 Jinnylin (4th), 7-1 Evanavitch, 15-2 Eve, 20-1 Periplus. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 29p, 48p, 32p; dual forecast, £6.82. J. Calvert, at Thirsk. Hd, 1½l.

3.45 (3.47) BEVERLEY HANDICAP (£948: 2m)

Barmy, b g, by Silly Season—Bewilder (Mr I. Balding), 5-8-8 Mrs M. Robinson (7-2) 1
Aztec Star, br c, by Astec—Jeanelle (Mr L. Lazarus), 5-8-5 Mrs E. Mellor (7-1) 2
Applaneve, ch f, by Applant II—Argohite (Mr G. Kirk), 3-8-0 Mrs J. Calvert (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav Kingsberry, Tudormead, 14-1 Autumn Crocus (4th), 20-1 Princess Lorraine, 25-1 Lord Street. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 14p, 19p, 18p; dual forecast, 94p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 2½l, 5l.

4.15 (4.19) WALKINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (£524: 2m)

Katira, ch f, by Pavch—Pochette (Mrs H. Demetriou), 3-7-5 H. Ballantine (8-1) 1
Appin, b c, by Alcide—Ash (Mrs B. Fyfe-Jamieson), 3-7-11 .... G. Baxter (100-30 jt fav) 2
No Joke, b f, by Above Suspicion —Blageuse (Mrs J. Fenton), 7-5 T. O'Ryan (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav Hope of Holland, 5-1 Prince Willem, 6-1 Sea Kestrel (4th), 12-1 Grangewood Girl, 20-1 General Moselle, Harbour Light, 33-1 Skatealong, Altoo, Goldilocks II, Nells Son, Right Tactics, Olecia, Sir Roland. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 36p, 22p, 32p. R. Armstrong, at Newmarket. 4l, 4l.

4.45 (4.47) KIRKELLA HANDICAP (£604: 1½m)

Hurry Now, ch g, by Farm Walk —Hamette (Mr W. Barker), 4-9-0 S. Perks (9-2) 1
Sunny Jim, b g, by Super Sam—Barby Road (Mr S. Lester), 3-8-0 J. Curant (12-1) 2
Aldie, gr g, by Goose Creek—Elegy (Mr P. Mellon), 3-8-10 G. Guest (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 London Bah, 6-1 Geoff's Choice, Gold Coin, 8-1 Thomas Edward, 10-1 Dunawalk (4th), Privy Case, 33-1 Norton Star. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 20p, 30p, 23p; dual forecast, £2.85. Miss S. Hall, at Middleham. 5l, 1½l.

5.15 (5.17) NORTH BAR MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £455: 1m)

Highland Rock, b c, by Highland Melody—Analevka (Mrs G. Waddingham), 9-0 .. C. Moss (10-1) 1
Old Carl, ch c, by Right Track—Benlen (Mr G. Adshead), 9-0 T. Ives (7-1) 2
Quorlyn, ch c, by Quorum—Fair Marilyn (Mr R. Headley) 9-0 .... T. Lappin (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Master Scorchin, 5-2 Zucco, 7-2 Tashunka (4th), 10-1 Abbott's Fleece, 20-1 Admiral Wolf, Mission Impossible, 33-1 Abbey Inn, Beechwood Girl, Hip, Kobietka. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 27p, 29p, 45p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. Hd, 1l.

Tote double: Son of Ragusa, Katira: £44.80: Treble, French Dressing, Barmy and Hurry Now; £52.35.

Devon and Exeter NH

2.30: 1, **War News** (11-2); 2, **Zeus Girl** (5-6); 3, **Kipple Lad** (11-2). 5 ran.

3.0: 1, **Norton Park** (16-1); 2, **De Borireaux** (7-2 jt fav); 3, **Gay Prince** (4-1). 7 ran.

3.30: 1, **Power Point** (4-7); 2, **Tranby** (8-1); 3, **Comedians** (100-30). 8 ran.

4.0: 1, **Alcades** (2-1 fav); 2, **Red Chief** (5-2); 3, **Organized Chaos** (8-1). 8 ran.

4.30: 1, **Varano Gem** (5-2); 2, **Whistlers Lane** (8-1); 3, **Lost Cause** (7-4 fav). 5 ran.

5.0: 1, **Irish Word** (4-6); 2, **Porters Precinct** (5-4); 3, **Saint Lo** (6-1). 4 ran.

Fontwell Park NH

2.0 1, **Our Friend** (3-1); 2, **Prime Rate** (2-1 fav); 3, **Malopo** (12-1). 18 ran. The Charlestan and Hard Ruler did not run.

2.30 1, **Do So** (11-2); 2, **Peacock Blue** (11-10 fav); 3, **Gulburn** (9-2). 4 ran.

3.0 1, **Linbury Lass** (3-1); 2, **Vision Lad** (9-2); 3, **Dairy Wood** (9-2). 7 ran. Bolelo, 2-1 fav.

3.30 1, **Slave Maiden** (4-6); 2, **Fours Up** (2-1); 3, **Ricoh Star** (7-1). 4 ran

4.0 1, **Grey Dove** (7-2); 2, **Cerolane** (2-1 fav); 3, **Flame King** (11-4). 7 ran. Mustwyn did not run.

4.30 1, **Transform** (15-8 jt fav); 2, **Elcos** (8-1); 3, **Twilight Boy** (7-2). 6 ran.

Haydock Park

2.15 (2.18) ROYAL OAK PLATE (3-y-o: fillies: £483: 6f)

Alezan Dore, ch f, by Mountain Call —Over the Water II (Mrs H. Fox), 8-11 ...... P. Cook (9-2) 1
Couteau, b f, by Nelcius—Panga (Mr I. Kornberg), 8-11 E. Hide (7-4 fav) 2
Marwood Princess, b f, by Meldrum —Ponte (Mrs K. Tremewan), 8-11 ...... M. Goreham (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Skipping Rope, 8-1 Spanish Nun (4th), 9-1 Make Up, 10-1 Golden Pistol, 12-1 Princess Jewel, 14-1 Hard Girl, 25-1 Miss Dazzler, Miss Shiraz, Tzu-Hsi. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 17p, 13p, 25p. N. Vigors, at Upper Lambourn. 2l, 5l. 1min 16.71sec.

2.45 (2.46) TYLDESLEY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £890: 5f)

Redley, br f, by Meldrum—Lasslemouth (Mr A. Redhead), 6-10 S. Webster (10-1) 1
Saxelby Melody, br f, by Highland Melody—In Lieu (Mr D. Coupland), 8-2 .... E. Hide (11-4) 2
The Opportunist, br c, by Polyfoto —Take Every Chance (Mr A. Hall), 7-13 .... P. Cook (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-6 Court Lane. 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.00; forecast, £4.13. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. 1½l, 1½l. 1min 3.12sec.

3.15 (3.16) CROMWELL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £828: 1m 40yd)

Two And a Quarter, ch g, by Shooting Chant—Nailing (Mr J. Wareing), 8-3 E. Hide (2-1 fav) 1
Enniscrone, b f, by Royal Palm—Meadow's Alley (Mr W. Wharton), 7-2 .... K. Lewis (10-1) 2
Born Free, br c, by Stupendous—Bernina (Mr M. Callander), 7-9 R. Barker (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Stogumber, 7-1 Miyako Lass, 10-1 Meadowcroft, 16-1 Floating Penny (4th). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 15p, 31p; dual forecast, £2.05. L. Shedden, at Wetherby. 1min 48.63sec.

3.45 (3.47) STUART AMATEUR STAKES (£565: 2m)

Sun Lion, br c, by Sunny Way—Winmars Krocus (Mr G. Richards), 4-11-6 Mr N. Richards (8-1) 1
Nymphenburg, b c, by Royal Palace —Filigrana (Mr J. Craig), 3-10-6 Mr R. Greenway (3-1) 2
Welsh Count, b c, by Fleet Nasrullah—Welsh Vixen (Mr P. Hexter), 3-10-9 Mr N. Gaselee (9-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Callous (took no part), 7-1 Parsnip, 12-1 Fire Alarm, 14-1 So Ray (4th), 16-1 Noble Light, 33-1 Red Earl, Petite Cherie, Stanway Lad. 11 ran. Kirkham did not run.

TOTE: Win, 91p; places, 22p, 15p, 14p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 1½l, ¾l. 3min 57.61sec.

4.15 (4.16) CAVALIER HANDICAP (£1,562: 6f)

Blastavon, b h, by Blast—Avonella (Mr M. Lockey), 5-7-9 J. Reid (9-1) 1
Telspring, b c, by King's Leap—Angelique (Mr S. Jackson), 4-8-4 .. E. Apter (9-4 jt fav) 2
Alphadamus, b c, by Mandamus—Light Night (Mrs J. Mountfield), 4-9-7 .... P. Cook (9-4 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Roman Way (4th), 11-2 Three Sevens, 10-1 Westgate Boy. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 86p; places, 34p, 18p; forecast, £3.80. G. Hunter, at East Ilsley. 1l, 1½l. 1min 16.04sec.

4.45 (4.46) ROUNDHEAD PLATE (2-y-o: £828: 7f 40yds)

No Alimony, ch c, by Alcide—Eternal Love (Mr L. Freedman), 8-4 .... P. Eddery (8-15) 1
Vanda Diana, br f, by Huntercombe —Bowling Green (Mr M. Wrigley), 8-8 .... C. Roche (9-4) 2
Saychelle, br f, by I Say—Cuccetta (Mr R. Johnson), 8-8 C. Dwyer (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 16-1 Ceredigion (4th), 40-1 Grim Lass. 5 ran. Regent's Choice did not run.

TOTE: Win, 14p; forecast, 22p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 2½l, 6l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Two and a Quarter, Blastavon, £12.25. TREBLE: Redley, Sun Lion, No Alimony, £64.40. JACKPOT: £16,918.75 carried forward to today.

Great Yarmouth

2.15 (2.15) HALL QUAY PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £276: 5f 25yd)

Ruling Class, ch f, by King Emperor —Acron (Mr B. Samuel), 8-11 L. Piggott (5-4 fav) 1
Monace Melody, b f, by Tudor Melody—Albercaro (Mr N. Wachman), 8-11 .. W. Carson 12-1) 2
My Belle, b f, by Pall Mall—Le Levanbelle (Mr J. Fisher), 8-11 P. Tulk (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bazooka, 10-1 Gold Show (4th), 13-1 Welcome Honey, 25-1 Forgotten, 33-1 Bavarela, Celtic Rose, Clear Shot, Forgets Image. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 17p, 26p, 17p. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 1½l, nk.

2.45 (2.45) FRANK STONE HANDICAP (£690: 1¾m)

Harpist, ch c, by Ragusa—Harpsicord (Exors of the late Lord Rosebery), 3-7-7 car 7-9 W. Carson (6-1) 1
Beacon Light, b g, by Relko—Illuminous (Mr H. J. Joel), 3-7-6 car 7-7 R. Wernham (7-2) 2
Radiant Light, ch c, by Exbury—Sunspeck (Lady Z. Wernher), 4-8-7 .... E. Eldin 5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Fools Mate (4th), 10-1 Iana Choice, 14-1 Paddlesworth, 20-1 Monsieur L'Avocat, 33-1 St Agnes. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 16p, 14p, 19p; dual forecast, 73p. B. Hobbs, at Newmarket. 4l, 6l.

3.15 (3.16) PLEASURE BEACH HANDICAP (2-y-o: £587: 7f)

Rio Alta, b c, by My Swanee—Alsa Yacta (Lad Wehr), 8-12 A. Murray (11-2) 1
Aunt Jean, ch f, by Great Nephew Genoveva (Mr Y. Yamamoto), 7-5 .... R. Still (25-1) 2
Star Penny, b f, by Current Coin—Sironetta (Mr H. Cameron Rose), 7-6 .... D. Maitland (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Rofrano, 5-1 Little Catworth, 11-2 Chebs Lass, 15-2 Golden Rock, 10-1 Hot Gospel, 12-1 Turkey Trot (4th), 20-1 Rethink, 25-1 Flashover. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 27p, 68p, 28p. H. Price, at Findon. 1½l, hd.

3.45 (3.45) COBHOLM STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £381: 1¼m)

Major Concession, b f, by Major Portion—There by (Mr R. Cowell), 8-11 E. Johnson (9-1) 1
Petwood, ch f, by Pelingo—Grove Hall (Mr R. Lamb), 8-11 E. Eldin (20-1) 2
Ying King, b f, by Falcon—Alto Vista (Mr R. Flaxman), 8-11 B. Taylor (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Sithonia, 100-30 Beltoise, 7-1 Piccadilly Etta, 9-1 Epiphania (4th), 20-1 Abstract, 33-1 Dearbee, Derrienne, Gay Ling. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 77p; places, 27p, 55p, 62p. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. 1½l, 4l.

4.15 (4.16) LONGSHORE HANDICAP (£590: 7f)

Gur Amir, b g, by Tamerlane—Blood Royal (Mr S. Joel), 6-7-10 R. Waters (5-1) 1
Kilmorony, b c, by Bold Lad—Tamyris (Mr E. O'Ferrall), 4-8-9 W. Carson (11-8 fav) 2
Sergeant Rose, b c, by Floribunda —Humble Bee (Mr J. Fisher), 3-7-0 .... C. Rodrigues (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Unbiased (4th), 10-1 Desert Cry, 12-1 Penny Halfpenny, 13-1 Sky Mill, 16-1 Latin Barn, 25-1 Knockabout, Cashante. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 20p, 15p, 19p; dual forecast, 87p. H. Cottrill, at Newmarket. 1l, 2½l.

4.45 (4.45) WELLINGTON PIER STAKES (3-y-o: £297: 1m)

Sans Gene, ch f, by Songedor—San Feur (Lord Halifax), 8-11 W. Carson (4-1) 1
Lomaloma, b f, by Alcide—Lalibela (Mr J. Philipps), 8-11 L. Piggott (5-2) 2
More Music, b c, by Tudor Music—Morgaise (Mr B. Schmidt Bodner), 9-0 .. E. Eldin (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Tattle Tale (4th), 11-1 Garden Wall, 25-1 Attractive Thief, 33-1 Milesian Prince, Steel on Grass, Will Continue. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 14p, 14p, 16p; dual forecast, 26p. J. Oxley, at Newmarket. 1l, 5l. Chantilly Lace, King's Rhapsody and Mandarin did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Rio Alta, Gur Amir, £14.85. TREBLE: Harpist, Major Concession, Sans Gene, £45.13.

Tennis

Young generation may advance on promise

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Forest Hills, Aug 28

The 12-day United States tennis championships, the last to be played on grass and the last to use the "sudden death" version of the tie-break, began here today in the bright humidity that tends to be associated with the tournament.

Inevitably, there was much speculation about the youngsters. Could they, in this £107,000 event, advance their promise of taking over at the top? The men concerned are chiefly James Connors, 21, who has already won £68,000 this year, Bjorn Borg, 18, £64,250, and Guillermo Vilas, 21, £34,500. Connors is champion of Australia and Wimbledon, Borg is champion of Italy and France, and Vilas, whose talent took a little longer to mature, has suddenly begun to beat almost everyone in sight.

Like Borg, Vilas is probably likely to play his best tennis on surfaces other than grass until he acquires more experience. As for Connors, his prospects here are threatened by the after-effects of an attack of gastro-enteritis which laid him low last Sunday. He is feeling a good deal better, but it is possible that in addition to any residual physical weakness, his confidence in his strength and stamina may temporarily be vulnerable. His first opponent, Jeffrey Borowiak, could provide him with a searching test tomorrow.

Connor's fiancée, Christine Evert, aged 19, has not been beaten since Billie Jean King defeated her in New York on March 31. These two are supposed to meet in the final here. Mrs King and John Newcombe are the chief hopes of what may fairly be described (everything being relative) as the older generation.

Olga Morozova of Russia, runner-up for the French and Wimbledon championships, may not be able to play here. She twisted her left ankle while practising at Newport, Rhode Island, last Sunday and arrived here with what is known in football parlance as one leg and a swinger. The injury may improve sufficiently to enable her to go on court against another east European, Martina Navratilova. But we cannot reasonably expect Mrs Morozova to repeat her exciting achievements at Wimbledon, where she beat Mrs King and Virginia Wade in successive matches.

Much more startling is the cloud hanging over Paulina Peisachov, of Israel, who is to play Lesley Charles of Britain in the first round. Miss Peisachov, aged 24, has been playing professional tennis for only a year. She plans to move on from New York to compete in the Asian Games at Tehran. But she has been told to return to Israel to prepare herself for two years' service in the Army. Already she has been deferred once; so that she could compete on last season's Dewar Cup circuit in Britain.

Miss Peisachov had a lot to chew over at breakfast this morning and, understandably, is uncertain what to do, and when. Is a woman more use to Israel in uniform than in tennis clothes? It is an unusual question to have to pose. Miss Charles is among 11 British competitors in the draw; six men and five women. But none is likely to make much impact on the basic contest at Forest Hills; the contest between Newcombe and Mrs King on the one hand and the younger generation on the other.

Yachting

Something for Americans to celebrate at last

By John Nicholls

Visitors from overseas were again successful in the 505 class national yachting championship when William Patterson and Robert Shenk, from the Corinthian club in Marblehead, Massachusetts, won the fourth points race at Felixstowe yesterday. Only one race so far in the series has been won by a British boat, that of John Loveday on Tuesday.

Marcel Buffet and Thierry Moreau-Desfarges, the French pair who have been leading the series on points since the first race, went further ahead yesterday. They finished an easy second to Patterson and have not yet been lower than third. The best placed British helmsman is Loveday, in second place,, seven points behind Buffet.

Patterson looked a winner all the way yesterday, in the longest race of the week, aptly named in the programme "race of the year". The course included an additional triangular round, making a total of 14 miles, and it was sailed in perfect sunny weather and a moderate south-easterly breeze.

After the race Patterson said to his crew: "It's about time we put one together." Apparently they came to Europe for the world championship in Sweden, stayed on for the British championship, and yesterday was the first time they had anything to celebrate.

A gate start, with one of the French competitors acting as pathfinder, got the 115 entries away first time. Patterson was second at the windward mark, but only just, after starting in the middle of the line in clear wind. He reached the mark with an overlap on his fellow American, William Pevear, but whereas Patterson took advantage of his situation Pevear did not and dropped steadily down the fleet. Buffet was third at the weather mark but was too busy defending his position to be able to threaten Patterson.

The critical stage of the race occurred on the second reach, when all but Patterson sailed to the leeward mark in a gigantic curve instead of a straight line. Buffet had to keep luffing to prevent other boats from passing to windward and the result was that Patterson sailed serenely away and built up a lead of three minutes. For the rest of the race all he had to do was stay cool and cover his opponents.

FOURTH POINTS RACE: 1, W. Patterson and R. Shenk (Marblehead Corinthian, Massachusetts); 2, Ya-Za (M. Buffet and T. Moreau-Desfarges, France); 3, Brigantes (P. Colclough and S. Jones, Lowton); 4, Parasol (P. White and J. Davies, Felixstowe Ferry); 5, The Forty Six Rebellion (J. Fisher and M. Findlay, Largs); 6, Jims Bin (J. Thomson and C. Labbett, Hastings and St Leonards).

KINGSTON, ONTARIO: Canadian Olympic training regatta: Soling: 1, F. Albarelli (Italy), 4-5-1, 18 points; 2, D. Curtis (US), 1-6-9, 26.7; 3, J. Kolius (US), 11-2-12, 38. Tempest: 1, A. Campbell (US), 1-3-5, 18.7; 2, U. Mares (West Germany), 2-10-1, 19; 3, J. Linville (US), 10-2-3, 24.7. Flying Dutchman: 1, J. Diesch (Germany), 2-4-2, 14; 2, F. H. Imhoffm (Netherlands), 6-2-1, 14.7; 3, J. Vollebreght (Netherlands), 4-1-6, 19.7. 470: 1, D. Ullman (US), 2-5-7, 21.7; 2, R. Vencato (Italy), 4-7-3, 26.7; 3, V. Potapov (Moscow), 13-6-16, 52.7. Finn: 1, M. Pelaschiv (Italy), 7-1-3, 18.7; 2, S. Maury (France), 15-2-1, 24; 3, H. Sprague (US), 1-8-5, 24; 4, D. Howlett (GB), 3-7-4, 26.7. Tornado: 1, I. Fraser (GB), 7-1, 13; 2, R. Keltenhoton (US), 2-5, 13; 3, B. Badeau (US), 4-3, 13.7.

Modern yachts showing superiority

Newport, Rhode Island, Aug 28.—Intrepid, the defender, battles on to try to prevent the aluminium Courageous from becoming the United States entry for the America's Cup yacht races. The wooden Intrepid, the winner in 1970 and 1967 of the latest two cup finals, was to race Courageous again on Rhode Island sound with the final United States trials nearing an end. Courageous holds a clear 4—2 lead.

Australia's Southern Cross, meanwhile, was set for what probably will be the final race against the France in the best-of-seven races to choose a challenger to the American winner. The aluminium Southern Cross has won three races by wide margins.

Intrepid triumphed by 1min 12sec against Courageous on Tuesday in rolling seas and a 15-knot southerly breeze, complicating the problems of the New York Yacht Club's selection committee. The club—owner of the America's Cup Trophy—have less than a week remaining to choose the United States entry in the final competition for international sailing's oldest prize, which dates back to 1851.

Courageous and Southern Cross were both built to new 12-metre specifications that allowed aluminium hulls for the first time. Much of the weight savings in their designs went into the keels in an attempt to gain a stability and manoeuvreability edge against such wooden cup veterans as Intrepid and France.—AP.

Kuhweide first but Fort leads on points

Willi Kuhweide (West Germany), the world champion in the Olympic single-handed Finn dinghy, sailed a superb race on the Clyde yesterday in the international Soling, Darling, to win by 37 sec from the Dutchman, Geert Bakker, in Cadans.

It was the best day yet in the national Soling championship because the southerly breeze, at 20 knots, held true and gave fast racing, putting the *Solings* on the plane on the reaches and runs. The first seven places were taken by the Continental experts but Ted Fort, from Windermere, finished eighth in Supero and won the Windermere Trophy—his second cup this week. This being a British and not an open championship, Supero is also leading on points from Charles Ingham in Chameleon Too for the championship trophy presented by the Royal Northern Yacht Club to mark their 150th anniversary.

CLYDE: National Soling championship: Fifth race: 1, Darling (W. Kuhweide, West Germany); 2, Cadans (G. Bakker, Netherlands); 3, Baladin (U. Strohschneider, Austria); 4, Frechdachs (E. Hirt, West Germany); 5, Rasmus (D. Below, East Germany); 6, Optimist (O. Schwarz, East Germany); 7, Mutafo (P. Borowski, East Germany); 8, Supero (E. S. Fort, Royal Windermere); 9, Pandemonium II (D. S. Simonds, Sea View); 10, Miss Stress (L. Ives, Denmark). Points leaders from four races: 1, Supero, 28; 2, Chameleon Too (C. Ingham, Hollingworth Lake) 30; 3, Avalanche (T. G. Wade, Royal Corinthian) 38; 4, Pandemonium II, 46; 5, Hortense (D. Young, Royal Forth) 52; 6 equal, Bullet (I. Cochrane, J. Watson, I. Woolward, Royal Gourock) and Truffdehunter II (R. M. Heseltine, Oxford and Cambridge) 53; 8, Jet Set (R. and V. G. Lean-Vercoe, Royal Dorset) 72; 9, Kudu (N. P. D. Eadie, Hamble River) 74; 10, Solaris (T. J. Henderson, Royal Northern) 76.

Weightlifting

McKenzie leads Britain in Philippines

Precious McKenzie (Bristol), three times Commonwealth Games bantamweight champion, leads a British team of nine to compete in the world weightlifting championship in Manila, on September 21-29.

Also in the team are Andy Kerr, of Croydon, who won a silver medal in the Christchurch Games, and the Dulwich light heavyweight, Michael Pearman, who has competed in the last three Olympics. The team is:

Bantamweight: P. McKenzie (Bristol). Featherweight: M. Williams (Wales). Lightweight: A. Winterbourne (Oxford). Welterweight: K. Welch (Bristol). Middleweight: T. Bennett (Wales). Lightheavyweight: M. Pearmain (London). Midheavyweight: J. Burns (Wales). Heavyweight: D. Hancock (Nottingham). Super heavyweight: A. Kerr (Croydon).

China have confirmed that they will visit Britain for a weightlifting match at Bath on November 9. It will be the first time that a Chinese team has met Britain in an Olympic sport.

Rugby League

Oldham secure full back after long wait

Oldham Rugby League Club yesterday signed the player they have been after for more than a year. He is the 20-year-old full back Gordon Pollard from the St Joseph's Club in Huddersfield, who was signed in the face of keen competition from Huddersfield Rugby League Club.

Pollard, who can also play loose forward, represented the Yorkshire open age amateur side against Lancashire last season—one of several occasions on which Oldham officials watched him in action. At that stage, however, Pollard was not prepared to turn professional.

Hull have put their second row forward Keith Boxal on the transfer list, at his own request and priced him at £4,000. Boxall has been unable to maintain a first-team place. The wing, Howard Firth, who retired nearly two years ago, has decided to make a return to the game and has started training with Hull.

Anti-social contract Britain can do without

It is only an age despairing of the weakness of government and *mesmerized by the power* of trade unions which would let the union leaders acquire for themselves the "social contract" as if this contract were first discovered as a means for trade unions to determine government policy.

The idea of the social contract goes back to the Greek Sophists but it reached its *greatest currency* in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in the writings of Thomas, Hobbes, John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

Rousseau: The true meaning of the social contract.

The social contract was an attempt to defend the legitimacy of government by looking not at divine right but at the natural needs of men. Hobbes contrasted the hypothetical state of nature where life was "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish *and short*" with the security which arose from civil society. It was because of the advantages of such civil society *that men agreed to surrender* their right to defend their own liberty *into the hands of* a sovereign, who was henceforth absolute, *on the sole condition* that the laws of the citizen were *safeguarded by the* sovereign's power. The first *requirement of political and moral* institutions was thus that they *should provide men with security.*

John Locke saw all government as a trust, forfeited by a *ruler who failed to secure the* public good. To Locke "the great and chief end of government is the preservation of *property*". *Thomas Jefferson* rephrased Locke to put the sovereign power in Parliament and if this failed then people had a right to resort to revolution.

Against this historical background, the purloining of the "social contract" by a minority Labour Government and sectional trade unionists is seen to be the nonsense it is. Like the once famous "last territorial claims" it is regularly escalated by the trade union leaders starting from more equality and higher taxation, proceeding to no choice in medical care and education and going on to whatever their hotheads next wish to demand. It has nothing to do with the real social contract which is made between a whole people and the government. Indeed, it is resented by more than half the population as a concession *to unsocial sectional coercion.*

The social contract to be *efficient only exists where the* sovereign government exercises a *monopoly of coercion* and enforces law on all its citizens. The Labour-unions social contract seems enforcible on government but not on the trade unions. It is dependent upon the good will of all trade union leaders and every trade unionist and there is no power to enforce it. Once a trade union or group of trade unionists is permitted to breach a pay scale, others must try to obtain *the same or even more.* Such a voluntary contract is not workable *in the state of civil* society any more than in the *state of nature but only in the* pre-Garden of Eden society which was said to precede it.

At the same time as the trade union and the Labour Party leaders claim a phoney social contract as their own invention, the real social contract in our society has broken down since the mass of our people now observe that sovereign government has failed to protect their possessions, which include both their persons and their goods. Crime is *still rising, having increased* by 20 per cent this year, inflation *is running at 20 per cent so* that people's property in the *form of savings and pension* rights are being destroyed.

The breakers of the social contract are not those who tried to put a Fair Rents Act into Clay Cross or to bring the trade union *militants* under the sovereign law, but governments which no longer fulfil the obligations which man came into society to obtain. It is the mass of our law-abiding people and not the Clay Cross rebels who may be equated with the Tolpuddle Martyrs and it is the mass of the people who, when driven far enough, will revolt as they have already begun to do by voting against the established parties.

The Conservatives did not lose the February General Election because they were *trying to bring the trade unions* within the sovereign law but *because it was obvious that the* miners were going to succeed *through militancy in getting* an increase of wages of twice the *amount which was enforced* on law-abiding citizens.

The after-tax *salaries* of the middle classes have not kept *up with the cost of living since* 1970 while the net income of the miners *and of other militant* trade unionists has greatly improved. Each apparent increase in salary has lifted the middle class *into higher* tax brackets while inflation has eroded and destroyed their savings. Higher mortgage interest and the vast increase in rates by spendthrift local authorities have already driven such people to despair because the state has done little to protect them and by breaching the social contract has forfeited their loyalty.

The middle classes have also *begun to notice that the sovereign* law only seems to apply *to them. The Clay Cross rebels* can defy the law, court martyrdom, and then *become* unemployed so that their fines cannot be attached to their earnings. Militancy can run rife in the health service and student nurses have to barricade their doors and keep water bombs and fire hoses ready to ward off hospital engineers who want to cut their gas supplies as a weapon in their pay strike. Coal output since April is 10 per cent down on the same period last year despite the huge pay increase, while it *appears* that the miners ensure there are no stocks of power *station coal so that we will* shiver in the dark for another *four weeks this winter during* the annual pay confrontation.

Elsewhere, *unlawful sit-ins* are rewarded by the injection of taxpayers' *subventions.* It seems beyond the ability of the Greater London Council not only to run the full schedule of Tube trains but also to have any idea which trains it will cancel

We should not, therefore, become bemused by the trade union leaders' vague talk of a social contract which is not worth the paper it is not written on. Let us recognize *that the real* threat to our society is that millions of people *are approaching a* time when they feel that the *genuine social contract* has been destroyed.

They could then, after Locke and Jefferson, decide that they *will need to resort to revolution.* It has happened abroad and it could happen here unless at least one major political party is seen to defend their basic security and compel the sovereign state to guarantee enforcement of the law. The Conservative Party, which could claim Thomas Hobbes as its philosopher, will ignore its historical roots and purpose at its peril. The next general election will be won or lost on this underlying philosophy and purpose, not on vague promises in party manifestos.

Rhodes Boyson

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Mr Murray faces the biggest diplomatic test of his year at the head of the TUC

One year on from his unopposed election to the job often likened to a chief of staff of the labour movement, Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC this morning takes his *first pre-Congress* meeting of the TUC General Council.

The chief purpose of this two-day session is to take the agenda by the neck and wring some sense out of it. Where possible, speaking practically and politically, motions from different unions on similar issues *are* merged into composite resolutions ("Composited", *in the unlovely phrase* of the movement), to maintain the *maximum* public *show of* unity when the debates actually take place.

It is often not an easy process; sometimes downright impossible. It tries the diplomatic skills of the TUC general secretary and his staff to find the highest common factor of agreement between such diverse industrial and political interests. It is just about the only test that Mr Murray has not been called upon to face in his first, turbulent year of office.

However, since he has had *first-hand* experience of these tricky pre-conference *manoeuvres for some years past,* there is no reason to believe that he will *muff it* now he is in charge. Besides, there is an *overriding political imperative* at work this year. Having got a Labour *government* so *receptive* to their wishes (to put it *no higher*), *the unions have no* incentive to jeopardize its chances of *reelection so soon* before the universally expected *poll.*

To begin with, Mr Murray has aroused a *virtual* unanimity of praise among the general *council* for his style; described in the words of one union leader as a mixture of the intellectual grasp of George Woodcock and the down-to-earth approach of Vic Feather, his predecessors. The TUC General Council, it might be noted, is no place to look for easy plaudits.

His handling of the miners' strike is singled out as an adroit combination of old-style rhetoric ("we will not allow the Government to make an object lesson of the miners") and a flexible negotiating posture that isolated the Heath administration and cast it as the culprit of the three-day week.

During the February election campaign, his public statements were low-profile, almost neutral; a constant reiteration that the TUC would negotiate on its own terms with the elected government, whatever its hue. On the hustings his sympathies were clear. He *spoke only twice,* on Labour platforms in his Essex constituency and in Hampstead.

Since the minority Government took office, the painstaking efforts of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee to rebuild unity between the political and industrial wings of the Labour movement have borne fruit. Whether the fruit has a *bitter aftertaste will* be determined in Brighton next week. On most issues, the unions are in agreement. Unemployment and the Common Market are bad things; worker power in industry is a good thing (*depending on what you* mean by it), and the demise of the Industrial Relations Act is definitely a Good Thing.

But the rough justice of public curiosity, as construed by the media, will turn attention away from such cosy areas of agreement to two issues where *agreement is vital for the* Government's credibility: the social contract and the party-political dimensions of this year's Congress. Anything less than a unanimous vote for the TUC's guidelines on voluntary pay restraint will render it worthless in the eyes of its *critics; some unions,* possibly including the 1,400,000-strong engineers, may *vote against the* general council's supplementary report *Collective Bargaining and the Social Contract.*

Mr Len Murray: The General Council is no place to look for easy plaudits.

Anything short of a rhapsodic *reception of Messrs* Callaghan and Wilson—it must be a very *long time since the reigning* Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary addressed the congress in the space of 48 hours—will be interpreted as a split.

Having had the job of *translating the new negotiating* code of conduct into practice even before it has the *full blessing* of the congress, Mr Murray is thus far philosophic. True, he is spending more time than he would like sorting out *prima facie* cases of transgression.

But he has yet to reap the benefits of three months spent stumping the country from *union conference to union* conference, arguing the justice of the general council's case. Anyway, he adds, it is too early to make a valid *judgment* of the social contract, because the backwash of *statutory incomes policy has not yet* dissipated.

The social contract in action, he explained in an interview, means that unions experiencing difficulty in abiding by the rules must give an account of *themselves. Defaulters* asking for pay rises in excess of the rise *in the cost of living* are first asked to give the full facts to the TUC general secretary.

"My job is to tell them what *the social contract means in* their terms, and it may occasionally be *my job to explore* with them a middle way in which they can deal with their difficulty without doing undue damage to the social contract." If the union fails to respond, the big guns of the TUC Economic Committee move in "to bring greater pressure to bear than I can".

Mr Murray sees himself as "one more pressure" *on negotiators,* and though he is too diffident to say so, he is there to be a decisive one. The second *course of action* is designed to be used sparingly.

He *agrees that the response* of the unions to this pressure will show up the value of the policy.

"Do I ask them to court a major stoppage of work by refusing to respond to pressure from their members?" he asks. "Because they are the ones who have to stand in the front line and argue with their members.

"That doesn't mean that you have to bend and sway all the time, or any of the time. It does mean that you have to make clear what the TUC's position is, and then send them away with that and hope they take it into account. I have to say 'This is for you! when you are sitting down at the negotiating table. If you choose to ignore it, all right, but know that what you do *will be imitated by other people,* and that for good or bad.'"

On the wider political *question of the TUC's relations* with the Government, Mr Murray is *dismissive* of the view that Downing Street is currently no more than a back-alley of Great Russell Street. "I cannot see that the TUC has dominated the Government in the sense that the Government has done things against its better judgment. We tainly have not been run the Government. We have arguments with mini about this and that, one or *on points of principle.*"

He thought that a Lal government acting in a hostile to the trade u movement and its "righ *pursue objectives*" would into massive arguments, bu conceded that the present ernment had given the un "very generous treatment".

"But no government, Labour government, can af *to be politically subordinat* the TUC. It would be quickly seen to be that, an would be electoral suicide" says.

The light shone on these issues, important though *are, will tend to obscure* of the other important dev*ments of Mr Murray's* year; for instance the ree lishment of regular co tation with the CBI aft hiatus of four years.

"The fact that these are happening at all is *important.* The fact that are not reaching sub rial agreements is not very portant. There is a ge acceptance that this sor *thing should go on.* The probing to find areas wher can get agreement", he sai

"The next six months be a testing time. When w *a government, of any sort,* ferably Labour, that situ will settle down more. The will then be more forthco and definitive in what it and what it is able to do. have got to be able to ta the CBI."

By *nature slightly* rese Mr Murray does not wel *personal publicity,* though appears resigned to havin thrust upon him. He *plainly identified himself* the social contract, despite tial misgivings about giving deal such a legalistic After next week, when autumn bargaining se starts up again, his role wi critical, and we may see of the caution he has so *exhibited thrown away.*

Paul Routle

Labour Correspon

The shifting balance of sea power

Britannia no longer rules the *waves.* But who does? The answer, according to the latest *edition of Jane's Fighting Ships,* that annual inventory of *seapower, seems to be that no*-one currently wears the crown. The United States Navy leads in aircraft carriers, though with only 14 its carrier fleet is at its lowest level for 25 years. The Soviet Navy leads in submarines and missiles. But with the world's monetary system at stake, concludes *Jane's* editor, Capt. John Moore, social and financial pressures may lead to the balance between the world's fleets being completely transformed. In a few years' *time,* for instance, France should have the strongest navy *in Western Europe.*

The findings of *Jane's* are of particular interest this year because of differences of opinion in the Pentagon over the power and potential of the Soviet Navy. (A recent study by the Office of Programme Analysis and Evaluation advised—to the disgust of the naval staff—that the Russian fleet, following a major building programme in the 1950s, now faces the problem of block obsolescence). Capt Moore's *assessment* is that the Soviet Navy contains great strengths—including not only a huge submarine fleet and a *bristling assortment of missiles,* but a shore-based air *force second to none,* large mine-warfare forces and *considerable amphibious capability.*

On the other hand there are also important areas of weakness. Among these may be included submarine silencing and anti-submarine warfare, shipborne aircraft and purpose-built supply ships. Perhaps still more crucial factors in the complex equation, are manpower and maintenance. About 80 *per cent* of the junior ratings are three-year conscripts called up at 18. But with difficulties in providing enough *experienced senior* ratings and staffing a large corps of *highly-trained volunteer* officers, manpower overall *might be an increasing problem* for the Soviet High Command.

The Russians are already trying to remove some of these *weaknesses. One remedy* now being applied is the provision of better supply ships. Another which has attracted more interest is the Kiev, the first of at least two aircraft carriers, which is expected to emerge from the Black Sea in a few months' time. In its first detailed description of the ship, *Jane's* points to its *capacity for an estimated* 25 helicopters and 25 fixed-wing, vertical take-off *aircraft and to its* startling array of 28 57mm *guns (American carriers like* the Enterprise and the Nimitz *have* none). But then the 35,000-ton Kiev and its sister *ship the Minsk, now under* construction, are smoothly described by the Russians as "anti-submarine cruisers"—either to circumvent the Montreux Convention's restrictions on carriers passing through the Dardanelles, or perhaps because they are copying the British.

Even now only one in five Russian surface ships is armed with *missiles*—but their average age is only eight years compared with 15 for the non-missile ships. Only one in four submarines is nuclear powered, but their average age is nine-and-a-half years compared with 16 for the diesel-powered. As Capt Moore points out, assuming a ship's life to average 20 years, a substantial replacement programme will be needed to maintain the new Soviet world-wide deployment. It is exciting to build a new navy, but it can be exhausting to maintain it.

The United States Navy has been *deliberately* reduced in size from 1,000 in 1968 to only 514 today. *But by disposing of* aging vessels, funds have been made available for "an imaginative building programme which in the next six or seven years could provide a fleet more nearly adequate to its country's needs".

Nearer home the vigorous French naval building *programme* contrasts with that of *the Royal Navy, which has still* not resolved its shortages of *warships and shipborne aircraft.* With the *Defence Review still* to come, Jane's says that Britain is rapidly *reaching the position of* "what we have we cannot hold"—including North Sea oil and the second largest indigenous merchant navy in the world.

In looking ahead to critically important shipbuilding programmes in the late seventies, *Jane's* presses the need for original thought to replace some of the stereotyped ideas *still in circulation. Inexpensive* carriers, new forms of propulsion, the use of *liquefied coal* by oil deficient countries, new hull *forms such as catamarans* to provide more space for air *power at sea and new forms of* submarines are among the ideas which should be explored. Naval planners *should look into the* future and tactics, not technology, *should guide them.*

(*Jane's Fighting Ships* 1974-5 *is published by* Macdonald and Jane's £16.50.)

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Defence Correspondent

Radical new era for the Jesuits?

The famous—and sometimes notorious—fourth vow of the Jesuits, the vow of personal obedience to the Pope, is to be reexamined by the Society of Jesus *as part of the long,* hard look it is taking at itself. Is *the vow "relevant to the* modern age"? How exactly *should it be interpreted? With* a greater diversity of opinion tolerated in the Roman Catholic church than for many centuries, does it make sense?

The vow dates from the foundation of the Society in *the sixteenth century, and has* long been a contributory factor to the very slightly sinister image Jesuits have, particularly in predominantly Protestant countries. Some young Jesuits, particularly in America, have refused to take it on principle, preferring to remain in the status of "spiritual coadjutors" who only take the three *standard vows of poverty,* chastity, and obedience.

It became an issue of contention at the time of the *present Pope's birth control* encyclical, when some more *conservative* Jesuits argued that the vow prohibited any criticism of this ruling.

Understood loosely, the vow of obedience puts at the service of the Pope an army of trained missionaries who can never refuse the most dangerous or personally inconvenient assignments. But taken strictly, it could be taken as an infringement of the rights of conscience, a relic of a more totalitarian age.

The issue will be decided at the Thirty-second General Congregation of the Society which starts in December and for which preparations are already well *advanced.* The vow is one of a number of related *issues which have* already been hotly debated in the Society's 75 provinces as *part of these preparations.*

> 'Deficiencies of the Society have become more apparent'

The questioning of the vow is *indicative of the mood* of this reexamination process. There is *nothing* that the General Congregation cannot change, and *probably* little that it will not consider changing. For the Society has run into problems in pursuit of its ancient motto *Ad majorem Dei gloriam* and voices have been heard calling for a drastic deinstitutionalizing and restructuring on simplified lines. It is a challenge any ancient organization must face if it is to have priorities higher than its own conservation, and the Jesuits have chosen to set their priorities higher than most. The restlessness in the Society has a lot to do with the great world issues of social justice and world poverty: as they have been brought progressively more into focus (largely through *the efforts of the* General, or "Black Pope" as *he is known. Fr Pedro Arrupe*) the deficiencies of the Society *have become more apparent.*

He has put his troops unambiguously on the side of world's poor and disposses Yet Jesuits often live in c fortable surroundings, foll ing the interests they like follow with all the secu they need, and educating *sons of the better-off* in famous Jesuit schools, *example.*

Do the communities Jesuits like Farm Street London continue unchan or is it now necessary they disperse into the munity, becoming to an ex secularized? Should Jesuit-run Roman Catholic stitutions, which range world renowned universiti agricultural cooperative s ties, lose their distinctive *and become lay and* secu In short, does the So *transform itself into a lo* knit company of w *priests?*

Behind these practical tions are ideological on the church a separate sacred body without w cares of its own, or is i almost invisible leaven i dough of humanity? A the Jesuits are moving to the latter view—as they ably are—how does the that St Ignatius founded crisis of the Reformatio *serve the essentials* of former view in a very *ent world?*

Provincial congregatio over the world have bee ing themselves such que as these so that their op will be taken into acco the General Congregatio all accounts, this testing mood has revealed a sp radicalism which will ma General Congregation a end of an era.

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Religious Affairs Corresp

The Times Diary

Chewing through the fat and gristle

Norman Kolpas summarizes his hamburger tests: Five years ago, fish and chips shops with real British names like "Olde London" and "H. Salt, Esquire" joined the Los Angeles take-away food scene, and I was soon driving-in to pop *plastic Tudor* cottages, forsaking ketchup for the more pungent appeal *of malt vinegar.*

Just as I took to fish and chips, so Londoners seem to have adopted the hamburger. "Real American" restaurants are now as widespread as Wimpy Bars (the difference being that a Wimpy is a proper American burger as fish cakes are *to fillet of* plaice). And just as I was first charmed by exposed *plastic Tudor* beams and "Rule Britania" piped music, so do Londoners *believe* that in a larger-than-life American atmosphere they are having the real thing

I found The Hard Rock to be the most authentically lively setting for a hamburger, with the best music and the most carefully planned atmosphere. The Beanery deserves recognition for its unpretentiousness.

I do not recall ever *chewing* on so much fat and gristle in American hamburger as I did in the nine meals of my survey. The finest beef I encountered went into the most refined burger, at Fortnum's Fountain. The Beanery also managed not to irritate my obsession against gristle.

The best overall buy, a charcoal-grilled fairly gristle-free burger with barbecue sauce, a good-size serving of chips and an excellent salad, is at The Hard Rock for 75p, queue inclusive. And I would definitely queue for their milk shakes, which surpass any of the others I tested.

I must, finally, indulge in a composite *ideal* meal. I would begin with a Hard Rock chocolate shake, followed by a Great American Disaster grilled and bunned Fortnum's beefburger, perfectly crisp Gatsby's french fries, and a Hard Rock side salad with blue cheese dressing. Forsaking "American" coffee, I would have a Fortnum's espresso, with a gooey fudge brownie that still can only be found in my imagination. And, *comfortably seated in* The Beanery, I would be served by none other than Bunny Cathy—a British lass masquerading as a Real Home-Made All-American Girl.

Foulsham's Original Old Moore's Almanack, whose gloomy predictions for 1975 I summarized last week, is not, you will be relieved to know, infallible. The new edition claims to have predicted the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936, *yet records Edward VIII's accession to the throne as having occurred on January* 20, 1938—*which is a strange conjunction indeed.*

Reserves

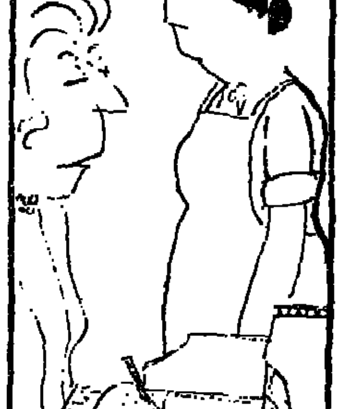
Much as the thought of another election might appal people who enjoy their television, there are would-be candidates whose only regret is that they are likely to be left out. Far from welcoming the respite from a *second bout* of the hustings—an experience which, all agree, *exhausts them* physically and mentally, all are *anxiously seeking ways in which* they might still be of use to their chosen party.

Several were anxious to maintain their anonymity, in the hope that some unexpected niche might yet be found. "I have to get started this time", said one. "I cannot imagine that the next election will not be followed by a full Parliament, and I will have to be into a winnable *seat in five years' time* or I will have no chance".

Humphry Berkeley, the former Conservative MP for Lancaster, has one short-list placing left in his search for a Labour nomination to help him towards a resumption of his parliamentary career in new party colours. "I would like to be what the Tories would call 'blooded' this time. It will be a very exciting election. *Simply because there was not* a decisive result last time, I think *there is bound to be an even* higher poll. Everybody realizes that it is very difficult for the present Government without a working majority, and there is a growing feeling that the issue should be settled."

If he is still unsuccessful in finding a seat, Berkeley will *again be offering his services to* Transport House. "I volunteered for a *speaking tour last time* and visited about a dozen different constituencies. I would be perfectly happy to do that again".

On the other side John Selwyn Gummer, who was dispossessed in West Lewisham, looks wist-



"We'll just have to cut down on the crème brûlée"
SUGAR SHORTAGE
Marc

fully to Louth as his last hope *of a winnable constituency this* time round. "I always want to *be in the firing line. I think* all elections are important, and I certainly want to play a full part. There are lots of things that have to be done, and if I am not a candidate I will make myself available for any task I might be given. I imagine I *would be sent into the marginal* seats, to help ensure that we win them".

Resources

Do not underestimate British resourcefulness and phlegm. I *mentioned* a shortage *of pearl* buttons which was inhibiting a Cockney Pearlies' coronation in New York. An appeal was being *organized in America. As if to* prove it unnecessary, I have now *received,* by *registered* post, nearly 100 assorted pearl buttons. (No more please).

Jan Woodhead, organizing a classical English dinner party, could *not* find anything but prepackaged Stilton anywhere in London. *So she went to the* Savoy Hotel, told them her *plight,* and collected a five pound roundel from their stores. They let her take it at once, suggesting that she call to pay the next day, by which time the chef would have worked out a price.

Finally, Pamela Jessop, *spending* a lunch-hour in the City *amid the general gloom of* falling share prices, was impressed to find *intrepid Englishmen in* Finsbury Circus playing bowls. It reminded her of the Spanish Armada.

Today's baffling sign comes from a postcard of Northland, New Zealand. It was submitted by Phyllis Davies of Muswell Hill.

Just as bad

The laughter on the terrace of New South Wales House yesterday lunchtime was tempered with gloom. Sydney's Old Tote Theatre Company gathered *there to celebrate their arrival* in London with their production *of What If You Died Tomorrow?* by David Williamson, author of *The Removalists.* They open at the Comedy Theatre on September 2.

People spoke of inflation in Australia which is now accelerating alarmingly. Some said that *outside influences* we blame, but most accepte *a home-based horror.* A with the Tote group, Ro wick, said that last Australians were askin they could do for E Now, he said, they were *ing that things were just* in Australia.

No member of the co however, was seeking to and, anyway, defection is the question. Robin L Tote director, explaine the company had to England as a package to *promise not to remain* fo than six months. Equity *British Government* ha down the Australian ru

The Italian official state announced this week a competitive examination secretarial posts in the port Ministry. Applican be under 30, but the a was extended to 35 if t fought in the resistanc September 8, 1943, and they had been jailed or a for activities against the regime.

Resistance veterans cannot remember any four-year-old partisans, the Fascists jailed oppo the age of nine.

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HOUSING UP FOR AUCTION

asy promises. They will abolish mestic rating within the nor- al lifetime of a parliament, and the meantime put the whole st of teachers' pay on to the chequer. They promise a ceil- g of 9½ per cent on mortgage terest rates for everyone for time. They will give a statu- y right to every council nant to purchase his house at o thirds of its true value. They ll make gifts to first-time house rchasers to help them get off ground.

The only one of these Conser- ive policy commitments pro- imed by Mrs Thatcher yester- which does not give rise to ious misgivings is the last. Of those in or aspiring to owner- upation it is the intending t-time buyer who most needs elping hand. The help will noticeable but modest, as it uld be, and it will be condi- al on the recipient's having ed regularly with a building iety under an approved eme.

he statutory right to buy your ncil house makes further in- ds into local authorities' dis- ion to manage what have pre- sly been their own affairs. ould slightly increase the rate lecline in the national stock ouses for rent, which in some es will not matter and in e places will matter very h. And it will transfer public ts at knock-down prices to a of citizens who, according onservative thinking of the before yesterday, have been er-bedded for too long.

e promised ceiling on gage interest rates is of those indiscriminate sub- s (though in this case iminating somewhat to the ntage of the better-off mem- of the community) which revious Conservative admin- ion was at pains to rectify e case of subsidies for il housing. Equally with now feeling the pinch it help those who, having t their house before the inflation of the early 1970s enjoying the general tary increase in earnings then, stand in no need of dization. The subsidy must e expected to again inflate rice of houses by further cing their investment tial compared with less ly favoured assets, and by asing the effective demand home ownership through ing higher house values range of any given income. most peculiar chocolate in Thatcher's box is the total ion of domestic rating. The Conservative Party is proposing to dismantle a form of taxation that has been found necessary and acceptable for 373 years. It does so without benefit of a public inquiry into the financing of local government, in contradiction rather of such inquiries as there have already been.

There have been many proposals for abolishing rates and replacing them with some new form of local tax, and the subject has been studied exhaustively both inside government and elsewhere. Hitherto the almost universal conclusion . . . has been that a property tax such as rates must remain the principal source of local revenue.

So said a Green Paper presented by a Conservative Government exactly three years ago.

The loss to public revenues of the yield from domestic rates is equivalent to the entire tobacco duty in 1973-74, or the duty on beer, wines and spirits, or the yield of surtax, death duties and capital gains tax combined. Yet the Shadow Cabinet can promise the abolition of this tax without being in a position to state how it would make up the loss of revenue.

Mrs Thatcher says domestic rates would be replaced "by taxes more broadly based and related to people's ability to pay". Can that mean anything but income tax (up a shilling)? She goes on to say that she personally does not favour a *local* income tax. Where does that leave local government as a vehicle for the political exercise of local responsibility and discretion?

The abolition of domestic rating would have profound consequences for the future of local government, and the Shadow Cabinet does not appear to have adequately considered them. Not all local authorities could be trusted, to put it bluntly, to levy rates on commercial and industrial properties if the tax did not also extend to private households. They would find it too easy electorally to soak the remaining ratepayers. The necessity to strike a rate which affects every household in the area places a tried and necessary discipline on councils in their budgeting and financial control. This tax also imparts much of whatever reality remains in the responsibility of councillors to their electors. To dispense with it would impel local authorities further towards the status of agencies of central departments of state. This is an outcome which Conservatives have hitherto professed themselves to be anxious to avoid.

Mrs Thatcher is quite right to say that present inflation on top of the settled tendency for local expenditure to rise at a faster rate than the national product has put the rating system under severe strain. Some of it has been unavoidable, some of it is due to past governments' neglect to keep the system in proper repair: derating, like the anachronistic derating of agricultural land and buildings, narrows the base of the tax; while postponements of the quinquennial revaluations have made an insufficiently buoyant tax less buoyant still.

This year in particular the conjunction of unprecedented inflation, local reorganization, and the chopping and changing of formulae for distributing Exchequer grant, has thrown up many rate demands which have outraged their recipients. All these pressures on the rating system mean that it cannot be expected to sustain as large a role as heretofore in local public finance. This does not warrant the total abolition of domestic rating. On the contrary, it should have prompted Conservative policy makers to put the system in proper working order, to achieve a more equitable incidence, and to seek out other sources of revenue to take some of the strain off the rates.

There is no need to doubt the immediate popularity of these proposals—does not everybody dislike paying rates? The proposals do nothing to stop the rot in the privately rented sector and they presage a reduction in council house building. They are therefore unbalanced. But the balance is tilted towards large sections of the population whose good opinion is of the highest electoral importance to the Conservatives—actual or intending owner-occupiers up to their ears in a mortgage, and the still moderately well-off retired whose rate demands on their sizable houses are a painful encumbrance. It is into groups such as these that the Liberal Party has been making large inroads.

On the bread-and-butter calculus which party managers employ when concocting election manifestoes Mrs Thatcher scores high marks. But is that the right calculus this time? To a greater extent than is usual in the approach to an election the people want their political leaders to tell them the truth about the state of the nation. They believe that truth to be unpalatable, and they may be disinclined to accept as being true the often repeated assurances of immediate betterment—and that includes easy promises about their personal housing costs.

GISCARD D'ESTAING'S SUMMIT

scard d'Estaing's proposal European summit is not y a diplomatic bombshell. eads of state and of govern- of the Community agreed at last meeting, in Copen- in December, that they meet more often in future. lea of another meeting was ssed during the first half of ear, when West Germany the chair, but never came thing because of the politi- heavals in Britain, France ermany. It was therefore lly accepted that the new h president would take age of France's chairman- o invite his colleagues to and attempt to get the unity off to a fresh start all the trials of the past

was agreed in principle he West German Govern- when M Giscard d'Estaing Bonn early in July, and lson is not thought to have any objection when he Paris ten days later. Both and Germans insisted, er, that such a meeting be carefully prepared and concrete results. It would re harm than good if the eaders of the Community not improve on the sorry cle provided by the old n the middle of the energy last December.

this M Giscard d'Estaing hardly disagree, and one for his announcing the al thus early, before the y season is over, may have leave a clear four months rance's chairmanship in the details can be worked He has also proposed a : "the timetable and the ds by which a political of Europe should be ed". That seems a reason- uggestion, since it is now two years since the Nine agreed on the principle of a "European union" and so far no progress has been made towards achieving it, or even defining what it means.

For the British Government, however, the proposal certainly poses problems, especially coming at this particular moment. The Government are about to embark on an election campaign in which they would like to confine their European policy to a commitment to renegotiate and then hold a referendum. They know well that all such phrases as "European union" and "political union" are anathema to the Labour rank-and-file. M Giscard d'Estaing has added to their difficulties by saying that, separately from the proposed summit, France will put forward plans for the revival of European economic and monetary union.

This may not mean anything so rigid as a return of all member countries to the currency snake in its old form. The chances of that being agreed in the near future seem very slight. M Giscard d'Estaing may have some more modest ideas about cooperation between central banks, a joint approach to the handling of Arab money, improved arrangements for mutual credit and support in the exchange markets, and of course concerted action against inflation—something which has been talked about for years, especially by the French, but on which little concrete progress has so far been made. If so, his proposals should hold few terrors for a man like Mr Callaghan who has long experience of international cooperation in the economic and monetary fields. But that will not make the phrase "economic and monetary union" sound any sweeter to Labour Party and trade union militants.

Even after the election, assuming a Labour victory, the Government would still prefer to concentrate on renegotiation and to avoid disturbing the electorate with wild talk about political union before the referendum is held. Their renegotiating posture would certainly inhibit them from playing any very positive role in drawing up plans for a political union. But if they simply reserve their position the British public would still get the impression that by accepting the renegotiation package it would also accept whatever form of political union the other eight countries agreed on. And if they adopted a negative attitude they might well prejudice the chances of renegotiation, since neither Germans nor French could be expected to make concessions to Britain if Britain showed no interest in the further development of the Community.

M Giscard d'Estaing may well have had these problems in mind when he referred to "all kinds of alibis for not preparing the ground for Europe's political future". If so, his reference to "those who have been called to a rendezvous with history . . . and who leave that rendezvous empty-handed", could be taken as a bleak warning to Britain of the consequences of failing to join in. That, perhaps, is forcing interpretation a little too far, for ostensibly at least the warning is addressed to the whole of "our generation" and not to any one nation. The fact remains that for internal political reasons Britain is at present the member country least prepared for any major decision about the Community's future. We must hope that our partners will be generous enough to wait a little longer for us to make up our minds what we want.

·flying aircraft

Mr David Hardman

he letter of protest you ed on August 26 from Lady s at the menace of low-flying t over Glamorgan and north should be followed up by the authorities and members of ment with the utmost vigour. I amped with my family on the coast for over 25 years and least ten of those, at the height holiday season, fighter planes s and threes roar over cliffs eaches no more than five ed feet up. As Lady Stevens attle and sheep are terrified, nothing of children.

daily exercise, five days a week, consists of at least 20 sorties beginning about 8 each morning. The planes, flying at terrific speed, dive over Rhossili, frequently are below the height of Hobby Drive, Clovelly, as they sweep over the bay, and make for Braunton. Protests from individuals over the years have proved utterly futile. Residents on the Gower to my knowledge have written to the Ministry of Defence, but no rhyme or reason is ever given as to why hedge and housetop hopping is so persistently indulged in by the pilots of these machines. Why is this senseless operation allowed to go on year after year? Nobody seems to have any authentic information. Rumours circulate—part of our Nato contribution to defence, training of German fighter pilots, training in missile carrying for the next war. This year the story is that Yugoslavian pilots are in the infernal machines.

What surprises me is the lethargy of local organizations such as the excellent Gower Society, the Glamorgan and Devon County Councils and the MPs representing these areas in the face of noise pollution of the most horrific kind. I know this, that in the immediate vicinity of Rhossili many holiday makers find some comfort when the rain drives and the sea fret blankets the landscape because they know the machines and their pilots are grounded.

Your obedient servant,
DAVID HARDMAN
Bankyfield,
Hurstpierpoint,
Sussex.
August 27.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transformation of Scottish Highlands

From the Lord Lieutenant for the County of Zetland

Sir, Mr Stormonth-Darling, of the National Trust of Scotland, tells you that despite the decision not to develop Drumbuie, all will be well in the Kyle-Drumbuie area because the naval and other developments will reduce the level of unemployment in the area to an acceptable level.

Mr Stormonth-Darling clearly believes that the only need is to secure the full employment of the existing natives.

Some of us, who actually live in the Highlands and Islands, realize that the existing natives are in fact the frail remnant of a once thriving population which for 150 years were forced to leave their homes because no one in their homeland could pay a decent wage.

Those of us who actually live in the Highlands and Islands are now aware of a marvellous transformation in the last 12 months. All over the country people have been getting letters from unwilling exiles saying that they have heard that oil developments have meant decent wages in the Highlands and Islands and if this is true they are going to come home.

The people who actually live in the Highlands and Islands see this as a chance to reverse 150 years of depopulation and to start to repopulate the Highlands and Islands.

Is this what the National Trust of Scotland wants too?

Yours faithfully,
Robert Bruce of Sumburgh,
Sand Lodge,
Sandwick, Shetland.
August 24.

Football hooligans

From Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Conservative MP for Chertsey and Walton

Sir, As the season of football hooliganism seems to be upon us again, certain steps need to be taken before the situation gets completely out of hand.

As we have seen at Bristol and elsewhere, anyone and anything in the path of these hooligans is at risk, and the path extends from the football ground itself usually to the railway or underground station, taking in shops and public houses on the way. The debate now centres on the precise form of the penalties to be exacted from these louts, bearing in mind the need to avoid making martyrs locally and the comparative meaningless abstraction of paying a fine "to the state". I suggest the following measures, as far as possible, in order of sequence:—

1. All those accused to be remanded in custody and not given bail which appears to them like a "let off".
2. After conviction the offenders to be taken to the football clubs which they claim to support for a meeting with the manager and players. If these young people have any interest in football once they arrive at football grounds then I suspect their team are folk heroes to them. If their heroes told them in very plain language (as I am sure the likes of Bill Shankly and Don Revie would) this could have a greater effect than a lecture from the bench.
3. They would be denied any football participation for 12 months by
   - (a) a total ban on their attending any match on a ground where admission is charged (any breach to be punishable by three months in a detention centre—and their personal details to be circulated to all police forces);
   - (b) reporting every Saturday morning to their local police station to remain under poliice supervision or undergo approved activities.
4. A fine would be levied upon them which would be directly related to the damage they had caused and the people they had hurt. I am fairly sure that if they could meet again those who had suffered when they themselves were not high with drink or tribal influences, they would more readily feel ashamed of what they had done. The fines would be paid either from wages if they are working or by genuine fund raising and spare time jobs and not by parents. They would be taken at least once to meet those they had damaged.

I think we must have no nonsense about our attitude to these young people who need a sharp lesson, but who above all will be set on the right road if they themselves feel ashamed of what they have done and then make their own decision not to do it again.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PATTIE,
House of Commons.
August 23.

The press and Mr Nixon

From Miss Rita Maran

Sir, The age we live in is such that, despite Mr Sparrow's sympathy for the former President, he should not confuse the meaning of "assassination"; despite slings and arrows, Richard Nixon lives.

The past five weeks, spent in California, convinced me that there is no joy or even vindictiveness in the continued pressure on Richard Nixon to complete his disclosure of all the facts. Rather, there is a serious, sad dedication to the concept that justice must be done and must be seen to be done; otherwise, a legal system based on the tenet that each suspected individual be granted a full and impartial hearing will become meaningless.

Richard Nixon affirms, rather than denies, the validity of the "nauseating" information dug up by journalists. As a result, he left office under a cloud. The cloud will remain over the office of the Presidency as well as over him personally, until full disclosure is made of all the facts.

At that point, whether the man be judged innocent or guilty, a clear separation from the institutions of government of which the Presidency is a part can be made. The office of the Presidency will remain besmirched until its former inhabitant has stood before a jury of his peers, in living testimony to the continuing viability of the American legal system.

Yours faithfully.
RITA MARAN,
72 Montagu Mansions, W1.
August 22.

Direction of nationalized industry

From Sir Alastair Pilkington, FRS

Sir, I believe there is a need for an analytical and unbiased study of the way in which the partners who control nationalized industries—government, Civil Service and boards and management—interact and share their responsibilities. The study would aim to help each of the partners to understand more clearly their special role in running these large and essential enterprises.

Government and the Civil Service form part of the top level of the hierarchy of a nationalized industry, alongside the board. As in any business, it is the particular responsibility of this top level to define and create a successful future for the organization. But because the time horizons of government and hence of the Civil Service inevitably tend to be shorter than those of the boards who have to take a long-term view, two problems arise.

First, the successful definition of the future of a large industry demands that boards must think at least 10 years ahead. Our whole parliamentary system, however, operates on a shorter time scale and this mismatch can impede the planning process.

Second, because governments work within short time scales and use the nationalized industries in their attempt to control the short-term problems of the economy, they are tempted to take actions which can affect the day-to-day operation of the enterprises. This is in conflict with the generally agreed principle that it is management's responsibility, not government's, to manage the short-term operation.

Thus, although governments and the Civil Service have responsibility at the top level of the hierarchy, which is primarily concerned with strategy for the future, their time horizon both discourages commitment to long-term planning and encourages intervention in short-term tactics which are the responsibility of a lower level.

How does the country find a way of overcoming these difficulties?

To solve the problem, we must first understand it in more detail. I believe it would be of the greatest value to initiate an analysis of how governments, Civil Service and nationalized industries have worked together in deciding the short and long-term future and, particularly, how the potential mismatch of time scales has been handled.

Such an analysis would be a useful first step towards the objective of designing an effective partnership between government, Civil Service, and board and management teams—a partnership which would be able to handle efficiently both the day-to-day operation and long-term planning of the nationalized enterprises in order to secure their successful continuity.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR PILKINGTON, Chairman,
Pilkington Brothers Ltd,
Prescot Road,
St Helens,
Lancashire.
August 27.

Reactions to weak government

From Colonel C. L. Sayers (retired)

Sir, The leader in your issue of August 24 is to be welcomed. I have not met or served with either General Walker or Colonel Stirling, but we all know of their prowess in other fields.

It surprises me that either they, or any thinking members of the public, can support such schemes. The danger of "unauthorized groups" is well known. What happens when attempts are made to prevent the gallant Colonel's men doing their "essential work"? Rioting, pickets and eventually bloodshed could result.

Even the Great Strike of 1926, the Home Guard in World War II and the Special Constables have all been dealt with and organized under Government authority.

To allow these irregular forces can only lead to further unrest. If the need exists, let the TAVR be used and then only as a last resort.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
C. L. SAYERS,
The Pightle,
North Heath,
Chieveley,
Newbury, Berkshire.
August 25.

From Major Robert Hoare

Sir, How sickening Mr Mason's remarks are about Colonel Stirling's GB '75 plans and how typical of politicians today. I know nothing of Mr Mason's background, but he must have done great things for our country if he is worthy of calling a man with Colonel Stirling's record a Colonel Blimp. Colonel Stirling proved himself a great leader of men and surely that is what we need today. So many of our politicians are like Mr Mason and when some new project is put forward their reaction is not "Can this possibly help our country in her dire straits", but "How can I make political capital out of it and win a few votes?"

That is why some politicians today have fallen into such low repute. So many people want to help our country in her hour of need and what encouragement do they get? There appears to be no inspiration and leadership from the top and so much time seems to be spent bickering as to whether Mr Lever went through the lobby or Mr Heath travelled in a Court Line aeroplane.

When Mr Scanlon calls a strike in support of breaking the law, no-one says him nay. Surely a leader worthy of his name could have gone on television and said "this cannot be". We are even told that the miners have been told not to produce too much coal in order to prevent stockpiling so that a strike will bite quicker than it did last year. The majority of miners are good loyal citizens, but unless they get some inspiration from the top soon, they will be dragged down by those left-wing elements who only want to bring this country to its knees, but who are at least well organized.

Surely this is no way to tackle the ghastly problem of inflation. The last government did at least have an honest try at it and indeed did hold it in check, but now the flood has burst its banks and still the government pursues its wild cat socialist schemes which cost more and more money and can only make the situation worse.

I feel I should say that I am Chairman of the Rutland and Stamford Conservative Association but I am writing purely as a private citizen who is only concerned with the welfare of our once great country.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HOARE,
Hambleton Hall,
Oakham, Rutland.
August 23.

From Mr Robert Woollcombe

Sir, If a government became concerned for the internal security of the realm it would do better to re-embody the Territorial Army in some form.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WOOLLCOMBE,
Stone Cottage,
Byworth, Petworth,
Sussex.
August 25.

From Mr Alex Thomson

Sir, The warning in your leader on "Colonel Stirling's Recruits" might have been pithily put in the words on the notice in a famous zoo: "This animal is dangerous, it defends itself".

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
ALEX THOMSON,
10 Merchiston Park,
Edinburgh.
August 24.

Management of childbirth

From Baroness Summerskill, CH

Sir, I am shocked to learn from a recent letter in your columns (August 26) that, in 1974, there can exist in Durham a society so reactionary as to try to persuade mothers to stay at home for their confinements.

The medical advantages of confinement in hospital are undisputed; all the facilities are there in case of any abnormality occurring, and it is impossible to forecast with certainty that everything will proceed normally. What I am equally concerned about is the welfare of the mother, who, while she is in her own house, is still saddled with the responsibility of the care of the rest of the family. Her doctor may advise her to rest and ignore her customary duties, but what mother can resist the ever recurring demands from a dependant family.

Many people, including obstetricians and women's organizations have succeeded during the last 30 years in effecting the present trend to hospital management of confinements.

Let us not take a step backwards.

Yours faithfully,
EDITH SUMMERSKILL,
House of Lords.

Turner at the Academy

From Mr Bruce Bernard

Sir, I understand that the Trustees of the National Gallery are declining to lend four of their best Turners to his bicentenary exhibition which opens at the Royal Academy in November. They are "Dido building Carthage", "The Sun rising through Vapour", "The Fighting Temeraire" and "Rain, Steam, and Speed". They are only willing to lend "Calais Pier" and "Ulysses deriding Polyphemus".

All four paintings were very important to Turner himself in different ways, and it seems certain that he would have greatly regretted their absence at Burlington House. He did, after all, leave his bequest to the nation, and not to any particular gallery. He was very concerned that his best work should be seen together. The exceptions of "Dido" and "The Sun" have no relevance on this occasion.

Galleries and collectors in this country and all over the world are willingly contributing, and the National Gallery in Washington is reversing its policy of not lending pictures from its foreign collection in acknowledgment of the uniqueness of the event. The Tate Gallery as joint organizer is naturally submitting to great disruption to its collection, as is the British Museum.

People will expect to see the great works together in the place that has been chosen for the occasion. That the National Gallery should not seem to understand this is incomprehensible. If the Trustees feel that there are overriding reasons why they cannot disturb their collection to this relatively small extent, they should make them public now, while debate still has a chance to show them that they may be wrong. I hope that others will join me in asking them to do this.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE BERNARD,
48 Onslow Gardens, N10.
August 27.

Fines based on index

From Mr John Morrison

Sir, Now that indexing is the fashionable thing, is there not a case for building some similar process into fines imposed for offences against the law?

There have been a number of cases recently where judges have found themselves unable to impose a strict enough penalty because the largest fine in their power to impose was set a number of years ago and so its punitive effect has now been reduced by inflation.

Another obvious case is parking tickets. £2 is now a derisory sum. In central London it costs very nearly as much to park a car for a day in one of the commercially run underground car parks. Since, in any case, many parking tickets are never prosecuted, it can now pay to park illegally. If, in future legislation, fines were tied to the cost of living index it would stop this situation which now means, in effect, that one of the very few people to profit from inflation is the law-breaker.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MORRISON,
24 Fairfax Road, W4.

Devolving power to the regions

From Mr C. H. Sisson

Sir, The devolution of powers and responsibilities from Westminster to Edinburgh and Cardiff is well under way, whatever may be the outcome, for the moment, of the discussions of the moment. It is not very long ago that all serious-minded persons, and all politicians, were treating with contempt all who took Scotch and Welsh nationalism seriously.

One aspect of the subject—among many—seems to have escaped public notice. This is that, in proportion as government is devolved to Scotland and Wales, England is left without a voice. There would, in the last analysis, be a government for the two smaller countries, but none for England, which could still look only to a Westminster concerned for the general affairs of the United Kingdom as a whole, so far as it was allowed still to consider those affairs as a whole, but also, anomalously, managing the local affairs of England.

The next step must be for England to *seek* her own representation, with the Westminster government left concerned only with the general affairs of—so to speak—the United Kingdom Community. The politicians now playing at devolution should ask themselves whether this is what they want.

Of course the official answer to this point is that devolution to Scotland and Wales may be accompanied by some further devolution to English *regions*. But this is not at all the same thing. I should be the last person to say that the South-west, for example, is not as important as Wales. Still, I am by *no* means anxious to dissociate myself from the historical entity called England, and if Scotland and Wales are to get out from under the United Kingdom, England should, in my view, certainly insist on the same treatment.

No doubt politicians will treat this as a very frivolous suggestion. But they are, professionally, the last people to get hold of an idea with any reach to it, the second last being the senior officials in Whitehall. I should expect the development of English nationalism to take some years, but it will come as sure as eggs are eggs, if politicians continue their present policies towards Scotland and Wales. As to whether this would be a good thing, that is for those charged with our destinies to decide, rather than for a private citizen living in Langport.

Yours faithfully,
C. H. SISSON,
Moorfield Cottage,
The Hill, Langport, Somerset.

Middle East conflict

From the Israeli Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Sir, In your editorial comment on the Cyprus situation on August 19 and 20, comparisons were made with the Arab-Israel conflict. The same theme was further developed and expanded by Edward Mortimer on August 23.

I do not believe that one international problem can be accurately or usefully compared to another, nor that superficial and generalized comparisons can contribute to your readers' understanding of the Cyprus problem. A lively imagination could conjure up facile comparisons between the Cyprus problem and several other international problems in various parts of the world, but all such comparisons would be equally meaningless because of the many unique features present in each conflict.

Mr Mortimer's imagination, however, is livelier than most. In those instances in which he considers the Greeks to have been blameworthy he compares them to Israel. When he thinks the Turks are wrong, then they are compared to Israel.

When your leading article refers to the prospect of UN resolutions being ignored, Israel is your model villain, constantly engaged in "creating facts". The policy of trying to "create facts" is, however, an Arab policy, and the key to the Arab-Israel conflict.

The UN decision to partition Palestine in 1947 was negated by the Arab invasion of Israel on its first day of Independence. The UN peace-keeping force in Sinai was forced out at gunpoint in 1967 by the Egyptians. The UN cease-fire resolution of 1967 was shattered in 1969 by the Egyptians. The UN cease-fire resolution of 1970 was swept aside in 1973 by Egypt and Syria and supported by other Arab armies.

Fortunately for the physical survival of Israel and its citizens, all these Arab attempts to "create facts" failed. We still believe that dialogue and negotiation offer a better hope for peace in our area.

Yours faithfully,
ZVI KEDAR,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.,
Embassy of Israel,
2 Palace Green, W8.
August 28.

Prophets of the 20s

From Mr D. C. Gattiker

Sir, Mr Roy Lewis in his article today (August 26) is not quite correct in saying "Nobody foresaw the atom bomb". In a novel published in the twenties Mr H. G. Wells described the development of the atom bomb. His only error from fact was that it would be based on the fission of bismuth rather than uranium. From a technical point of view, not a bad guess. By its use he also described the devastation of the world—a forecast which may yet come true.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID C. GATTIKER,
Flat 61,
Kingston House South,
Ennismore Gardens, SW7.

Piddletrenthide et al

From Mr Simon Borrett

Sir, When, some years ago I was down in that part of the world I saw a signpost which, on one of its arms, read:

Plush, Folly, Mappowder, Piddletrenthide.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BORRETT,
Hawks Nest, Wattisfield,
Diss, Norfolk.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen has appointed two new pages of honour, the Earl of Rocksavage, aged 14, son of the Marquess of Cholmondeley, the Lord Great Chamberlain, and Edward Charles Gordon-Lennox, aged 13, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Gordon-Lennox. The two retiring pages are David Bland and Lord Ogilvy.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will attend a dinner given by the Royal National Life-Boat Institution at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on October 11.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor of Leeds University, will attend a lecture at the university on October 17, as part of celebrations of the centenary of the founding of the Yorkshire College of Science.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Royal College of Organists' dinner at the Savoy Hotel on October 9.

Owing to Lord Godber's ill health, Lord and Lady Godber are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary quietly at their country home with their family.

Birthdays today

Mr Richard Attenborough, 51; Sir John Burns, 71; Mr J. D. Carleton, 66; Lord Casey, 84; Mr Anthony Crosland, MP, 56; Mr Anthony Haigh, 67; Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Merton, 69; Admiral Sir Henry Moore, 88; Miss Jocelyn Moore, 70; Sir Julian Salmon, 71; Major-General C. M. F. White, 77.

University news

Birmingham

Grants

From the Medical Research Council: £14,909 for an investigation into the site of action of morphine related narcotic analgesics and antagonists in brain. (Professor P. B. Bradley); £14,363 for the analysis of pedigree data, with special reference to continuously distributed variation. (Professor J. H. Edwards); £10,361 for study of mechanisms in post-transcriptional control of protein synthesis (Dr H. G. Klemperer); £12,816 for study of the activation of the acylase/phospholipase A2 system of synaptic membranes by transmitters and cyclic nucleotides (Dr C. E. Rowe).

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, August 29, 1949

Relaxed Ulster

From Our Correspondent

Belfast, Aug 28.—The Northern Ireland Government has made drastic cuts in the regulations which they made under the Civil Authorities Acts, 1922 and 1933, to deal with disturbances engendered by the Republicans and Anti-Partitionists. Notice has been given in the Belfast Gazette of the annulment of 41 Orders.

The power of internment without trial has been surrendered, but the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Edmond Warnock, can still ban meetings or processions where there is reason to fear a breach of the peace. The action follows the Government's promise that the Acts would be relaxed at a suitable opportunity, and reflects the peaceful conditions now prevailing in Northern Ireland.

As the Irish Republican Army has not been dissolved, the Government retains certain essential powers.

Government unit to meet needs of deprived schoolchildren

By Tim Devlin

Education Correspondent

The Government is to set up a unit on educational disadvantage to meet the needs of immigrant and other deprived schoolchildren. That was announced yesterday in a White Paper. It is the Department of Education and Science's answer to a select committee's report last September which criticized the department's ignorance about the needs of immigrants and expressed surprise that there was no special unit to deal with immigrant education.

Mr Armstrong, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Education and Science, announced in London the setting up of another unit to assess and monitor the achievement of children at school. An information service, independent of the department, will also be set up to give advice on curriculum and teaching methods for disadvantaged and immigrant children.

The White Paper was welcomed yesterday by immigrant organizations as a sign that the Government was prepared to intervene in education to promote racial harmony.

Mr Armstrong said it was a fresh drive to help immigrants, but it must be seen within the context of the Government's policy to discriminate in favour of all those who were achieving too little at school. He was against the labelling of children into any more different groups than necessary.

The Government, he said, welcomed the select committee's report and accepted that it contained valuable suggestions. The Government agreed that although the education service had achieved significant successes in meeting the needs of immigrant schoolchildren much remained to be done.

The Educational Disadvantage Unit, which was foreshadowed in a speech by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last April, is in embryo form and will be composed of a small team drawn from the department and the school inspectorate.

Its main tasks will be to find out the extent and distribution of educational disadvantage and of the methods used by local authorities to define that disadvantage and whether those methods are effective.

There will be no extra cash at this stage but the unit will try to promote money within the existing allocation of resources towards those children who are deprived. It will advise the Secretary of State and keep in touch with other government departments, local authorities, schools and teachers, among others.

The other unit, the Assessment of Performance Unit, will promote the development of methods of assessing and monitoring the achievement of children at schools and will seek to identify the incidence of under-achievement.

The information centre, outside the department's control, would draw together the results of research of other organizations such as the Schools Council and the National Foundation for Educational Research.

Mr Armstrong rejected an accusation made last week by the Community Relations Commission that his department had not given a lead in improving immigrant education. But he did admit that the White Paper's proposals were vague.

He said: "I have read and reread this report (the White Paper) wondering how to make it more positive. But no two children are alike, and situations differ from authority to authority."

The Community Relations Commission, welcoming the report as an imaginative step, expressed one fear: "By placing the educational needs of minority groups and multiracial education with the disadvantaged, we fear that specialist issues and needs will not be given the necessary priority." The specialist knowledge required for teaching immigrants might not be developed.

The commission is also disappointed that the Government has "ignored" the select committee's recommendations that local education authorities should report regularly to the Government on the situation as regards immigrants.

Mr David Stephen, director of the Runnymede Trust, said of the White Paper: "It marks the Government's recognition that central government has a more active role to play in promoting consistently high standards in race relations. It shows that the conflict between laisser faire and interventionism in educational policy is being resolved in the direction of the interventionists."

Educational Disadvantage and the Educational Needs of Immigrants. (Command 5720, Stationery Office, 15p).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. R. Christoforides and Miss J. Stewart

The engagement is announced between John Richard, younger son of Mrs Christoforides, of 5 Well Lane, East Sheen, SW14, and the late Mr R. C. Christoforides, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Stewart, 24 Kilmailing Road, Cathcart, Glasgow.

Mr G. W. Cooper and Miss A. Hadfield

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey William, eldest son of Mr Henry Cooper and the late Mrs Cooper, of Silverton, Devon, and Angela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Hadfield, of Galmpton, Kingsbridge, Devon.

Mr N. H. Holloway and Miss E. J. Rowe

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Holloway, of Tillinglea, Wotton, Surrey, and Elizabeth Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rowe, of Sidi Jedh, Ashtead, Surrey.

Captain I. D. MacLucas and Miss S. D. Thorne

The engagement is announced between Captain Ian David MacLucas, RA, son of Mr and Mrs N. L. MacLucas, of Aston-le-Walls, Northamptonshire, and Sarah Diana, third daughter of Dr M. G. Thorne and the late Mrs Dorothy Thorne and stepdaughter of Mrs Margaret Thorne, of Torquay, Devon.

Mr J. R. Smith and Miss L. M. Jamieson

The engagement is announced between James Roy, only son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Smith, Harbour Street, Girvan, and Lorna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. M. Jamieson, Chelston, Ayr.

Luncheon

HM Government

Miss Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House held in honour of Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi, Chief Minister of Gazankulu, and Dr Phatudi, Chief Minister of Lebowa.

Marriages

Mr C. H. Hogg and Mrs B. P. York

The marriage took place quietly in Nottingham on August 27, of Mr Charles H. Hogg and Mrs Barbara Pauline York (nee Roden-Rumford).

Mr J. F. Ingledew and Miss A. C. Williams

The marriage took place on Thursday, August 22, between Mr John Ingledew, stepson of Mrs Dorothy Ingledew, and Miss Anna Williams, daughter of the late Group Captain Douglas Williams and of Mrs Sheila Williams.

Latest wills

Four charities in £368,000 estate

Miss Olive Love Stapylton, of Bridgwater, left £368,037 net (duty paid, £163,082). After personal bequests of £4,600 she left 10 parts of the residue for relatives and others, and one part each to the RNLI, Cancer Research Campaign, St Dunstan's and the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association.

Mr Harold Turner, of Lapworth, Warwickshire, left £198,429 net (duty paid, £81,864). After legacies totalling more than £116,000 he left the residue among the British Leprosy Relief Association, the Imperial Cancer Relief Fund and the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Hornby, Mrs Esme Georgina, of Guiting Power (duty paid, £369,306) £679,530

Lintern, Mr Reginald, of St Leonards-on-Sea, butcher (duty paid, £39,225) £93,509

Watson, Mr William, of Aldridge, West Midlands (duty paid, £35,186) £238,606

Today's engagements

British Library exhibition: The written word on papyrus, British Museum, 10-5.

Exhibition of early railway prints, illustrating the development of the railway, Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, 10-6.

Lecture: Highland Life, Lecture Hall, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, 3.

Concert: Royal British Legion band, College Garden, Westminster Abbey, 12.30-2.

Royal Mews, open to the public, Buckingham Palace Road, 2-4.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev R. J. A. Hamer, curate of Brewood, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of Chesterton, same diocese.

The Rev D. Noble, Vicar of Christ Church, Newark, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Bexley, diocese of Rochester.

The Rev B. Dunn, curate of St Peter's, Burnley, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of St Barnabas's, Darwen, same diocese.

Stamps marking the Churchill centenary, for release in October. The four values were all designed by Collis Clements and Edward Hughes.

Children in care prefer their foster-parents, survey shows

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Most children who have been fostered for at least a year want to go on living with their foster-parents, according to a survey of 121 children in a Midlands local authority area. But many are insecure about their future because they do not know enough about their own parents.

Those findings, published today in Concern, journal of the National Children's Bureau, will encourage the campaign to give long-term foster-children greater security under the Government's forthcoming children's Bill. The children questioned were all those in care of a Midlands local authority who had been in their present foster-home for at least a year.

Only two children saw their future as returning to live with their own parents, while four-fifths expected to remain in their present foster-home. But 22 children were unsure what would happen to them and were anxious about their future.

Miss Rosamund Thorpe, of Nottinghamshire social service department, reporting the findings in Concern says that most of the children defined fostering as living with people other than their natural parents. But they reduced their anxiety about "not belonging" by dissociating themselves from their own definition.

Miss Thorpe concludes that in recognizing the right of long-term foster-children to remain with their "psychological parents", the continuing significance to them of their natural parents should not be underestimated. Lack of knowledge about their natural family background causes insecurity even among those children who want to stay with their foster-parents, she writes.

Dahlia show reflects a tranquil summer

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The season generally and the past week or so have been kind to the dahlia growers, with no savage storms to ruin months of devoted care. So the National Dahlia Society's show in both of the Royal Horticultural Society's halls at Westminster is notable for the high quality of the blooms and for the few cancelled entries.

At shows of specialists' flowers it is usual to see the same varieties being shown repeatedly and winning the prizes. This is understandable as exhibitors go to shows to win prizes, and the news of potential prizewinning varieties travels fast in specialist circles:

The trend has always been most striking at this show, the same varieties turning up and winning prizes again and again.

In the class for one variety of a medium cactus dahlia there were nine entries, eight of them of the scarlet variety Banker, which won first, second and third prizes. The same story repeats itself in all the sections, and here are some of the varieties that were consistent prize winners:

Giant Decoratives: Alvas Supreme, Alvas Climax, Go American, Playboy, The Master, Night Editor, Hamari Girl, Kidds Climax, Jocondo, Margaret Bowyer, Lula Patti.

The winner of the notoriously difficult A. T. Barnes trophy class for 12 giant decoratives, Mr T. Carter, New Eltham, used all those varieties, also Lavengro and Trelawney.

Giant semi-cactus: Respectable, Daleko Polonia, and Nanenian.

Pompons: Hallmark, Pop Willo, Willo's Violet, Moor Place, and Willo's Flick. Small and miniature decoratives: Katy's Choice, Pink Hornsey, Frank Hornsey, Lyn Mayo, and Rothesay Robin.

Small and miniature cactus: Monc Marc, Richard Marc, White Klanstad, Mariner's Light, Doretti, and Alvas Dorrit. Medium semi-cactus: Hamari Sunset, Saffron, Martin Harmony, Rotterdam, Autumn Fire, Symbol, and Salmon Symbol.

To the layman's eye, however, some of the varieties shown in the classes for new seedlings look very promising, and some will surely displace the present leaders.

There is very strong support this year from the affiliated societies, 28 entered, and the Herbert Brown trophy was awarded to the Thames Valley Dahlia Society. Mrs M. E. Clark, Croydon, won the Coronation cup for the best exhibit of pompons; it is thought to be the first time the class has been won by a woman. A large gold medal and the Bentley trophy was awarded to Ayletts Nurseries and a gold medal and the Harry Stredwick cup to Butterfields Nurseries.

Competitive classes, principal prizewinners: 12 giant decoratives, A. T. Barnes trophy: T. Carter, New Eltham; six large decoratives, Stuart Ogg cup: D. Yates, Minster-on-Sea; four varieties medium decorative, Stephen Treseder cup: D. Spencer, Rochester; six small or miniature decoratives, Charles S. M. Medlen cup: J. A. Batten, Hayes; six large cactus or semi-cactus, Silverhill shield: W. A. Stevens, New Eltham; six medium cactus or semi-cactus, Clara Brown cup: J. N. Carrington, Benfleet; six small or miniature cactus or semi-cactus, NDS cup: A. K. Hall, Welwyn Garden City; 12 varieties pompons, E. J. Widdowson trophy: Mrs M. E. Clark, Croydon; affiliated societies' class, Herbert Brown cup: Thames Valley Dahlia Society; nine giant decoratives, Maurice Lord cup: T. Carter; six medium cactus or semi-cactus, F. W. Alesworth cup: J. A. Sharp, Eastwood; three varieties small ball dahlias, Harry James cup: G. R. Littlejohn, Hemel Hempstead; three miniature ball varieties, Fred Oscroft cup: G. R. Littlejohn; three collerettes, Albert Brown cup: D. C. Hill, High Wycombe; six vases small flowered dahlias, Arthur Griffiths cup: J. Francis, High Wycombe; nine pompons, Fred Fuller trophy: W. E. Wilkins, Camberley.

Seedling classes. Jescot cup: J. Sharp, Higham Ferrers: a new British seedling not in commerce, miniature or semi-cactus, C. F. Crowley cup: F. W. Wilson, Leek Wootton: British seedling not in commerce, small or miniature decorative, small or miniature ball or pompon, Ernest Luckhurst cup: J. Sharp: British seedling not in commerce, medium flowered, Hamari trophy: J. A. Sharp, Eastwood: British seedling, giant or large-flowered, Jaldec trophy: J. Davies, St Helens.

Floral arrangements, affiliated societies' class, Mrs C. Gordon Medlen cup: High Wycombe Dahlia Society. Aggregate of points, Mrs A. T. Barnes trophy: High Wycombe Dahlia Society.

Best giant or large decorative bloom (variety Alvas Supreme): L. P. Cleaver, Leigh-on-Sea; best amateur exhibit, D. B. Crane cup: J. A. Batten; best novice's exhibit, J. W. Montague cup: J. P. Darling, Lancing; best exhibit of pompons, Coronation cup: Mrs M. E. Clark.

The show is open again today from 10 am to 5 pm.

President Kenyatta wins wildlife award

Nairobi, Aug 28.—Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands has bestowed the Order of the Golden Ark on President Kenyatta, of Kenya, for his services to wildlife conservation. Prince Bernhard is president of the World Wildlife Fund.

Appeal launched to protect historic buildings in Frome

By John Young

Planning Reporter

An appeal is to be launched tomorrow to raise funds for the protection and renovation of many neglected historic buildings in Frome, Somerset.

Concern at council proposals for road widening and slum clearance has been expressed by the Ancient Monuments Society, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the local civic society and historic buildings trust.

Mrs Robin Lewis, secretary of the Somerset branch of the CPRE, says local amenity groups were given inadequate notice of a public inquiry last year into the proposed demolition of houses in the Trinity Street area. Although the government inspector found in favour of the proposals, the houses have not yet been demolished and Mr Rodney Goodall, a local architect, is preparing an alternative scheme for their restoration and modernization.

The town was founded in the Middle Ages and was an important cloth manufacturing centre. Its industrial prosperity in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries was responsible for many attractive buildings in local Mendip stone, but today, although superficially it appears prosperous enough, a closer look reveals a degree of decay and neglect, with many abandoned and derelict houses and cottages, which is extraordinary in that part of England.

Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, secretary of the Ancient Monuments Society, says that plans for continuing demolition are now so extensive that action is urgently required. The district and county councils must be persuaded to suspend road, redevelopment and slum clearance schemes until alternative proposals based on conservation have been worked out.

The Department of the Environment has said it would welcome a conservation scheme as an exercise for European Architectural Heritage Year 1975, provided it has the support of Mendip council.

Pakistanis get reassurance over deportation

By a Staff Reporter

The Home Office has allayed many of the fears of Pakistanis about the deadline for obtaining United Kingdom citizenship, after Pakistan's withdrawal from the Commonwealth. The last date is Saturday, but Pakistani representatives said yesterday they were pleased with the reassurances. The deadline is not, however, to be extended.

The League of Overseas Pakistanis was worried lest Pakistanis who could not decide whether to take citizenship should be penalized. Mr Q. S. Anisuddin, the chairman, said the Home Office had said there would be no change in the status of those who had no conditions limiting their stay. Their rights regarding jobs, social security and the admission of dependants would remain.

Pakistanis who stayed too long but were protected from deportation after five years become technically liable for deportation on Saturday. But Mr Anisuddin said he had been assured that such action would be very unlikely.

Provided that overstayers applied this week to the immigration department for revocation of their original entry permits, they would still be able to apply later for British nationality.

Mr Anisuddin said: "While we welcome this assurance, we still feel that not enough time has been allowed to do this." He hoped the Government would still feel able to extend the deadline and give a formal guarantee

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Air Vice-Marshal Alan Davies, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Policy), to be Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Intelligence) at the new Nato headquarters at Ramstein, southern Germany.

Lord Hailsham argues case for common law

By a Staff Reporter

The future of English law must not lie in the hands of Parliament alone; common law should continue to complement statute law, developing in accordance with changes in society. That was the theme of a talk by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor from 1970 to 1974, on BBC Radio 3 last night.

If Parliament was to be the sole arbiter of change in the law, the difficulty of getting time to legislate might lead eventually to undue rigidity, Lord Hailsham said.

On the other hand, if common law were allowed to develop by new applications of existing doctrines to fresh social situations, from time to time there would clearly be unpredictable changes, involving moves back and steps forward.

Lord Hailsham favoured a judicious mixture of the two approaches. Statute law was notoriously easy to evade. The draftsman did his best, and the two Houses of Parliament conscientiously attempted in their prolonged committee stage to improve on his labours. "But in the end it is the unpredictable, or at any rate the unpredicted, which always seems to happen."

Common law did not suffer that disadvantage. "Its wisdom is distilled by stages, always in the light of concrete circumstances, and only after the unforeseen has actually occurred."

Science report

Biochemistry: Metabolic pathways

The network of metabolic pathways that keep the biological wheels turning smoothly in living cells is subject to a host of interrelated controls so intricate as to make the most complicated computer look simple. Many of the essential steps of the pathways were worked out in some detail many years ago and a list of their popular names reads like a roll call of distinguished biochemists. The development of genetic techniques has allowed biochemists to study the internal controls on the pathways as well as their function and regulation at the molecular level.

That has been a favourite pastime of bacteriologists for many years, bacteria being easily manipulated genetically, and it is now being extended to the more complex field of eukaryotic genetics, which embraces organisms as diverse as the single-celled yeasts and animals and man.

Writing in Nature, Dr Arthur Bollon, of the University of Texas, turns his attention to an enzyme that plays an important role in the biosynthesis of the amino acids isoleucine and valine in the common beer yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

The enzyme, threonine deaminase, is of interest because it seems to have a dual function. It catalyses the first step in the biosynthesis of isoleucine, but also acts as a regulator to both the isoleucine and valine pathways by switching on the set of enzymes that complete the further steps in both pathways.

Dr Bollon has pinpointed the regions of the *ilv 1* gene, which codes for threonine deaminase, responsible for the regulatory and catalytic parts of the molecule. Strains of the yeast with various mutations in the *ilv 1* gene that impair either or both the catalytic and regulatory functions of the enzyme were already available, and their positions along the gene had been determined.

Dr Bollon determined the effect of the various mutations on the catalytic activity of threonine deaminase, both singly and in various combinations. He found that mutations along the whole length of the gene affected the catalytic function. He concludes that the whole of the *ilv 1* gene is needed to code for a fully catalytically functional enzyme.

When he came to study the effect of the mutations on the regulatory function, however, he found that only mutations up to a certain point in the gene affected the regulatory function. As well as pinpointing the regions of the gene responsible for the different enzyme functions, Dr Bollon's work confirms that the regulatory function of the *ilv 1* gene resides in the enzyme itself and not in some auxiliary molecule coded for by part of the gene outside the regions specifying the enzyme.

Such auxiliary molecules which switch genes on and off have in fact been found in bacteria, but not so far in higher organisms.

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OBITUARY

DR OTTO STRASSER

Nazi who became Hitler's enemy

Dr Otto Strasser, one of the early leaders of the Nazi Party who later became Hitler's enemy, died in Munich on Tuesday at the age of 76.

Born in Bavaria on September 10, 1897, Strasser, with his elder brother Gregor, fought in the First World War and then studied political economy, becoming a socialist and editing a Social Democratic newspaper. Deciding that the party was weak and rigidly dogmatic, and yielding to the influence of his brother, he joined the Nazi Party in 1925. Soon there were, in effect, two National Socialist parties in Germany—the one led by Hitler and the other led by the Strassers. The Strassers wanted a revolutionary party, one that would fight for common cause with the trade unions and for serious social reforms and would stand firm against a dictatorship. This struggle between the totalitarian tendencies of Hitler and the more democratic beliefs of the Strassers became violent, and in 1930 Otto withdrew completely and founded his own group called the Black Front. Gregor remained with Hitler, loyal but discontented, believing that he might persuade Hitler to take a different course and hoping that he might at some time become leader of the party. As a reward for this loyalty, Hitler had him murdered in the bloodbath of June 30, 1934.

Realizing that Otto Strasser was the party's most dangerous enemy, Goering ordered that he be assassinated. Many men of the Nazi Party were at stage disappointed, felt t selves betrayed by Hitler were attracted to the natives offered by Stra The Gestapo reported influential army officers, young, and the peasants sympathetic to Strasser; he a serious danger threatenin system from inside.

Fleeing to Vienna and Pr then, as war approached Zurich and Paris, Strasser tinued his opposition to Nazis. Founding the German Movement in Franc soon had to move on a this time to Canada and United States. His camp even if energetic, was la ignored although he won support for his views in Br the United States and Germany after the war he organized a new mover the League for German Re His muddled vision of a Socialist Germany was welcomed by the victo allies, who continued to se ghost of Nazism in Stra ideas, despite his vigorous against Hitler. His oppositi Hitler, it was thought, had personal rather than ideolo

Deprived of his citizen Strasser fought through courts to have it restored in 1955 he returned to Germany from Canada. In he founded another pol party, the German S Union, but his Nazi hindered its progress. claim of a conversion to r cal respectability was some suspect.

MR DAVID PROSSER

Mr David R. Prosser, editor of the Western Mail, Cardiff, from 1942 to 1956, one of the leading provincial editors of his day, died on Tuesday in Cardiff after a long illness. He was 84. He was president of the Guild of Newspaper Editors in 1954-55 and a member of the guild council from its inception in 1950. He was also a member of the joint editorial committee of the guild and the Newspaper Society.

Born on October 30, 1889, he was educated at Cardiff Technical College and the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire. He began work on the South Wales Echo in 1904 and was subsequently on the staffs of the South Wales Daily News, the Merthyr Express and the Daily Dispatch, Manchester. In the First World War he saw commissioner service with the 1st Battalion, The Monmouthshire Regiment (T) and the 5th Battalion, The South Wales Borderers in France.

He had all the Welshman's passionate interest in social conditions and during a period after the war as publicity officer with the Ministry of Labour carried out an extensive survey on the state of South Wales.

Prosser took effective charge of the Western Mail from 1938 when he was made acting editor owing to the ill health of his predecessor Mr J. A. Sandbrook. He steered the paper through the difficult years of the Second World War and the postwar period and in 1947, needing to fill gaps left by the war and to find new talent, set up the first internal school of journalism by any newspaper in Britain. He was a pioneer of editorial training in this country.

He was the author of The British Newspaper Press in Mid-Century, 1957; and A National Trust for Promoting the Arts in Wales, 1959.

In 1913 he married Florence, second daughter of Edwin Harris.

SIR CHARLES WHEELER

Mr Humphrey Brooke writes:—

Sir Charles Wheeler brought exceptional gifts to his Presidency of the Royal Academy during a period when the institution was faced with many problems. His personal charm and integrity of character irradiated all his actions. From the chair his invariable courtesy and patience encouraged open discussions, but he was firm in his recommendations and in accepting the majority view. The almost unanimous votes which carried through the various stages of the Leonardo Cartoon's sale to the nation are one example of this. The policy of opening the doors to more experimental artists was another.

As a leader Sir Charles had the knack of extracting an above the ordinary effort from colleagues and subordinates at all levels. This was due to the tolerance and understanding of his attitude, and to his profound sense of responsibility towards the Royal Academy of Arts. Throughout Burlington House, with its Schools and other departments, he was greatly loved.

As a token of his practical gifts, the exhibitions held during his 10-year Presidency, despite rising costs, earned a larger average annual profit than in the rest of the postwar period. They were also more numerous.

The over-riding sense that all who worked with this unusual personality must feel is one of affectionate gratitude.

Dr Frankis Evans, FRCS, FFARCS, who died on Aug 26 at the age of 74, was consultant anaesthetist at St Bartholomew's Hospital from 1924 to 1965 and at St Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Rectum from 1932 to 1965. He was a former Dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Mr John Howlett, OBE, founder and former chairman and managing director of Wellworthy Piston Rings Ltd, died on Sunday at the age of 90.

Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Robert Colville, MC, High Sheriff of Cornwall in 1940-41, died on Monday at the ago of 80.

MR DOUGLAS CAMERON

Sir Thomas Armst writes:

A distinguished and ho able career is ended by death of Douglas Camero very fine cellist himself. outstanding qualities a chamber music player, he sided for many years at Royal Academy of Music a department in which traditions of Herbert Wa were maintained and develo

Cameron's own gifts a teacher enabled him to g and inspire a whole gener of players and teachers who at this moment extending influence all over the w How fitting that his last te ing work should have been with the splendid 'cello sec of the National Youth Orc tra! Those young people never forget him.

Cameron was a modest generous man, readier to applause to the achievem of others than to recognize own: but he was accepte an equal by the great ar of the world, and acclai by Casals and Piatigorsky Tortelier when they visited RAM.

His own characteristics those of the good colleague ensemble player rather than virtuoso soloist: and it is t that will ensure that the m ory of him remaining with friends and pupils will b living and affectionate one

LORD ILFORD

Mrs Peggy Jay writes:

As a colleague of Geo Ilford on the London Co Council, and on the Heath Old Hampstead Society I w like to express the gratitud owe for his work on open s conservation in London.

In the 1920s Geoffrey Il was a key member of the g which enabled Ken Wood t added to the Heath, as he in the later struggle to add Paddock off North End Ro

In the years immediately lowing the Second World Geoffrey Ilford was instrum in the addition of three old gardens, and the bor remains of their houses, to upper part of the Heath. also persuaded local plan authorities to avoid bui tower blocks overshadowin Heath.

In the last months of his Geoffrey Ilford was a va member of a working grou the Heath Society and the gate Society seeking to pre development on the Witanh estate overlooking the H His keen mind, gentle hu and tenacious purpose m his loss a heavy one. It is that the London Boroug Camden, and one of its p cessors the Metropo Borough of Hampstead, r nized one of their most v citizens in conferring the dom of their Borough upon He will be long remembere those who love the Heath.

PRINCE VALERIO BORGHESE

Prince Junio Valerio hese, known as "The Prince" because of his ext right-wing views, died in S on Monday. He was 68.

The prince was a fascist hero who never abandone faith in dictatorship. Afte Italians became co-bellige of the Allies, he turned attention to the partisans, won a reputation for the b ness with which he ordere prisals and dealt with his tims.

In 1949 he was condemn 12 years' imprisonment fo crimes but in fact left p shortly afterwards becau the lenient handling of his by the judiciary. He was orary chairman of the ext right-wing Italian Social I ment from 1952 to 1954 a 1967 he founded the Na Front, an organization su ing the idea of a strong porative state. In March a warrant was issued fo arrest for allegedly having anized a coup d'etat in De ber, 1970. He was able to the country and, althoug warrant was later withdraw never returned unless sec enough to avoid drawing tion to himself.

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mployers attack ationalization lans and worker articipation

dward Townsend

tain's engineering emrs today launched a sweepttack on the Government's ialization plans, cost-of-: pay rises and worker partion in industry.

its economic survey for the Engineering Emrs' Federation gives a ng that to encourage rs to expect fixed living rds, despite other econotrends, is "economically ided" and "potentially rous".

report, which covered 25 per cent of federated yees, describes the Govnt's plans for a National prise Board and planning nents as "completely mis-".

oite encouraging investrends in some sectors, the maintains that increasing ntion in the organization ate industry by the state ade the successful operation of private industry "more and more difficult".

Trade union participation is denounced as a major factor in current uncertainties. "The possibility of half the board members being drawn from trade union officials who are rarely called upon to face the technical problems of management has appalled most serious minded and moderate men", the report says.

There is no evidence to suggest that the majority of voters or union members either supports such schemes or would materially benefit from them.

Cost-of-living wage increases which do not reflect greater productivity are condemned as economically misguided and "in an open economy such as the United Kingdom, potentially disastrous". The EEF fears that wages will be rising by between 20 and 24 per cent by the end of the year.

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AT chief's warning ainst interference

er Vielvoye

Richard Dobson, chairof British-American , has made a strong on widespread governnterference in industry ly, and Labour's profor nationalization in ar.

nprecedented letter to lders follows a similar ICI shareholders from chairman, Sir Jack

Dobson said yesterday was the first time that d made a public politiement in its operations ountries. But he could t until his chairman's next March to inform lders of BAT's stance in rent serious position etter, which encourages lders to spread the of private enterprise, at Britain's economy is ed; its institutions of nent are falling into disthe country seems eeply divided than for ars; and the free enterstem is being criticized eatened on all sides.

anies that made reasonrofits were seen as exploiters" and those ed to do so were seen ng the country down. re threatened by govintervention.

bson says that dividend e restraint have put a ive squeeze on profits sed in terms of money, tself declines in value lay.

e policies initiated by st Government and retained by the prenbined with the threat spread interference by nent in industry and nationalization have d a quite catastrophic the market value of nd shares", he adds. nability of many combecause of restricted nd low share prices, to development could only l in declining job ities and standards of

Referring to the nationalization proposals, Mr Dobson says there is a widespread belief both inside and outside government circles that nationalization must in some way be of benefit to the business, the employee and the country.

As far as BAT was concerned, the group could see no merit in this notion.

"I find it inconceivable that a body of faceless men somewhere exists that is able to run BAT, and many other companies at the same time, better than the existhing management imperfect though it may be", he says.

Shipbuilding: In a specific attack on the Government's proposals to nationalize the shipbuilding industry, Sir Eric Yarrow, chairman of Yarrow and Co said it was clear that the indictment levelled against the United Kingdom industry is totally at variance with the proven facts in relation to Yarrow (Shipbuilders).

In a letter to shareholders, Sir Eric says that the board is convinced that the interests of the employees, the shareholders, the Clyde and the country as a whole would be best served by allowing the undoubted progress that has been made by Yarrow (Shipbuilders) over recent years to continue in its present form

Stock Market: Equities suffered a fresh bout of nervous selling yesterday on the London stock market. The market was depressed by Wall Street's weakness, as well as by publication of the letter from the chairman of BAT.

Some lines of leading shares appeared on the market at midday, and market indices quickly headed back towards their recent low points. The *Financial Times* index shed 8.1 points to close at 212.3, and *The Times* index was 2.55 off at 84.24.

Shares in Bats fell by 6p to 192p,

George Kent: The company's board announced yesterday that it is considering the GEC bid and its implications, and is seeking "further clarification" from GEC.

The Investment Company Limited

atisfactory progress' reported by the Chairman, Major G. L. Webb

Trading and income results continue to improve. The nparative figures are:

	1974	1973	1972
ofit before taxation	£450,726	£265,093	£122,258
ofit attributable o shareholders	£168,065	£121,325	£74,363
mings per share	2.39p	1.74p	1.05p

Although this progress is satisfactory, the steps taken to l and re-purchase certain holdings in order to maximise r tax advantage have resulted in a deficit in our reserves.

Under these circumstances no dividend is ommended for the year, although it is anticipated that interim dividend at least equivalent to the previous yment, will be declared at an early date.

During the year the Group's cash position has been engthened and the possibility of a liquidity problem minated. The Company also reduced its bank rrowings by more than £580,000, and current liabilities by nost £1 million. Valuable arrangements exist with our nkers which we could utilise if the occasion arose.

Our investment in The Shannon goes from strength to ength. The recent annual profit was 97% ahead of the evious year, and they have a target to double profits s year.

Our overseas companies, whilst small in assets and ofits, are in a healthy state of liquidity and should prove their contribution year by year.

The results for this traumatic period seem to me to be tisfactory considering the economic and political mate in which we have been working, and we are in a sition to take advantage of any improvements that must rely come in the near future.

Talk to save Court Line's Caribbean offshoot

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Foreign Office officials and various Caribbean governments are holding urgent talks to secure the future operations of the Leeward Islands Air Transport Company (Liat) owned by the distressed Court Line group. A solution is regarded vital to the economic life of 20 islands in the Eastern Caribbean.

Liat has been losing £1.5m a year and the Court Line special managers and liquidators want the position clarified as soon as possible. The Department of Trade and the Foreign Office have been working with an inter-governmental committee of Commonwealth interests.

Although at least one offer for the airline has been received—from an American company acting for a British principal—some form of public subsidy may be necessary, perhaps with help from British Government funds.

The airline, which is continuing to operate under the liquidator's special surveillance, has a number of complex debts which a prospective buyer for the fleet and other assets may not readily accept.

British West Indian Airways, which sold a controlling stake in Liat to Court Line in October, 1971, also holds certain options to repurchase.

Among those who have to be consulted in any rescue operation is Hawker Siddeley, which is owed nearly £700,000 secured against four Avro HS748 aircraft. Exporters Refinance Corporation has a small claim against the security of five Islander aircraft also in the Liat fleet.

A substantial debt is owed to British West Indian Airways and part repayment of a loan is due next month. Others with claims include Barclays Bank, whose overdraft is secured on property.

One important complication in securing the airline's future operations is an inter-company debt of £4.2m due to Court Line.

Retail groups cut sugar imports from Europe

British retail groups are cutting imports of sugar refined elsewhere in the EEC. The Sainsbury chain of 200 shops said last night that it had stopped imports from Europe before Mr John Sainsbury, its chairman, had said in public that rationing would be necessary if the Government did not release more from strategic *reserves*.

The company had sold its EEC sugar at the usual British shop price though its wholesale cost was more than 50 per cent above that of the British equivalent.

Independent shopkeepers are growing cautious in ordering from the EEC now that the British Government and refiners predict improved supplies at normal British prices in a few weeks.

Few independent traders can afford to subsidize EEC sugar themselves and sell it at British prices. They realize that it will be unsalable once normal home deliveries are resumed.

Mr John Irish, assistant managing director of the Spar Vivo grocery group, said they had sharply reduced imports of EEC sugar in view of Government forecasts of better British supplies. Mr Richard Branston, managing director of the rival VG chain, said one of its nine wholesale companies had been subsidizing EEC sugar so that it could be sold at the British price.

Mrs Williams, Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, has told trade organizations that she has had reports of excessive retail sugar prices.

Bank delegates control of cash for homes abroad

The Bank of England has delegated to all authorized banks the authority to approve purchases of investment currency up to the equivalent of £30,000 (excluding the premium) to finance purchases of holiday homes abroad from non-residents.

This, and other procedural changes announced yesterday in a revised version of the Exchange Control notice EC 81, should help to "expedite the processing of applications to the benefit of the applicant, his bankers and the Bank of England", according to the Bank.

Bank staffs' London allowances raised

Substantial improvements in allowances for working in London and 18 other cities and towns have been awarded to 100,000 staff employed by the five major clearing banks. They are among the largest since the Pay Board produced its recommendations on London weighting in July.

Annual allowances in Inner London are to go up from £251 to £402 and in towns of more than 250,000 population from £51 to £105.

Liquidator confirms UCS creditors may sue Government

By Peter Hill

Detailed submissions on the Government's responsibility for £7.5m of the debts owed to ordinary creditors by Upper Clyde Shipbuilders when it collapsed three years ago are to be lodged within the next two weeks with Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry.

Mr Robert Smith, the UCS liquidator, addressing a creditors' meeting yesterday in Glasgow, confirmed that it might be necessary to take unprecedented legal action against the Government on the basis of an independent investigation under the Companies Act.

The investigation under section 332 (1) of the Act has been undertaken by Professor David Flint, Professor of Accountancy at Glasgow University. His report has remained confidential. However, Mr Smith said yesterday that his submission, and Professor Flint's report, would be distributed to creditors in the next few weeks.

Professor Flint concluded in his report that there was a valid case to be represented to the Government for its responsibility to make payment to the ordinary creditors under the terms of what has become known as "Beagle-type liability".

Mr Smith told some of the 2,600 ordinary creditors of UCS at the meeting that he and the Committee of Inspection had considered the report "very carefully" and had not accepted the conclusions entirely on the extent of the directors' and Government involvement, and responsibility for the company's financial operations.

"Before we decide whether or not to embark on any legal proceedings, we have had to examine whether there was any prospect of the claims of the creditors being met in whole, or part, through discussion and negotiation", he said.

Mr Smith and committee representatives had met Department of Industry officials at the end of June, and it had been agreed that he should prepare a submission to Mr Benn setting out the committee's view of the Government's responsibility.

Mr Smith indicated that his submission would take "a stronger view" than Professor Flint's report. It had been clear from the outset that ordinary creditors would receive nothing from company funds.

The only possibility of them receiving payment was under the terms of section 332 (1) of the Act which provided that, on consideration, a court might direct that some person, other than the company, might be liable for the company's indebtedness. The Act, Mr Smith said, had not been used before against the Government, and in fact it had only been used three times in 50 years in cases involving fraud.

When UCS collapsed, its liabilities amounted to £28m but this has been reduced by more than £8m because of the subsequent completion of shipbuilding contracts. One of the large ordinary creditors is the British Steel Corporation which is owed more than £1m. The Government is owed £12m.

The prospect of legal action to recover the money will be highly embarrassing to both the large political parties. Both Mr Benn and his Conservative predecessor, Mr John Davies, were concerned in the affairs of the shipbuilding consortium.

Production of six car ranges at a standstill

By R. W. Shakespeare

With nearly 30,000 workers now idle, disputes in Britain's motor industry have halted production of six different car ranges together with some trucks and tractors.

Production losses by British Leyland and Chrysler are mounting at the rate of about £4m a day, while most of the workers involved in the shutdowns are covered by lay-off pay agreements and are therefore drawing a big proportion of their normal wages.

Car production at British Leyland's Austin/Morris plants at Longbridge, Birmingham, and Cowley, Oxford, is at a standstill. These two centres produce the Mini, Allegro, and Marina car ranges and the shutdown has so far cuased the lay-off of about 11,000 workers. More may be sent home before the end of this week.

The trouble results from a strike by 2,000 workers at British Leyland's central transmissions plant at Washwood Heath, Birmingham, and the consequent lay-off of another 1,700 workers there. This has brought all production to a halt.

The strikers have rejected the management's offer of a new pay deal which would give increases of £4 a week from October 1.

British Leyland is losing output of more than 2,000 cars a day at Longbridge and Cowley, with a showroom value of well over £2m.

Meanwhile, another shutdown at British Leyland's truck and tractor plant at Bathgate, West Lothian, is now almost a month old.

Chrysler's troubles are also continuing, and the American-owned company has now lost more than £6m worth of output at its car assembly plants at Linwood, Renfrewshire, and Coventry which make the full range of Avenger, Imp, and Hunter cars.

More than 10,000 workers at these two plants and at the Stoke engines factory in Coventry are laid off because of strikes by 550 workers

Saudis take big US gold shipment

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 28

More than 500,000 troy ounces of refined gold bullion was exported from New York to Saudi Arabia last month.

The shipment may have been a withdrawal by Saudi Arabia of gold being held on its behalf by the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

It is the largest single export of refined gold bullion to any country from the United States this year and the first such shipment in 1974 to Saudi Arabia.

At the official price of $42.22 (£18.40) an ounce the export was worth $21.8m. Exactly 516,577 troy ounces were involved, according to statistics on United States gold imports and exports published today by the Department of Commerce.

The only other countries to which large refined gold bullion exports have been made this year are Canada, Mexico and Switzerland.

The Canadians have imported 186,811 troy ounces of refined gold bullion this year from the United States, and exported 538,070 troy ounces there.

Mexico has not exported any refined gold bullion to America this year, but she has imported 104,388 troy ounces.

Many countries store gold as a matter of convenience at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, but bank officials today refused to disclose whether the Saudi Arabians had withdrawn gold holdings held there.

Such an explanation seems most probable, as the law severely limits gold trading by private institutions and had a transaction of this magnitude taken place in the free market, it would almost certainly have been well known to traders before today.

Some gold experts in New York were unable to explain why Saudi Arabia should wish to take such a volume of gold out of the United States

The transaction represents slightly under half the total volume of 1.18 million troy ounces of gold exports of refined bullion from the United States so far this year.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 84.24 —2.55
FT index: 212.3 —8.1

Rises

Ass Mang	25p to 925p	Levex	½p to 7p
Atlas Stone	5½p to 92½p	Ldn Asiatic	2½p to 39½p
Brit Sugar	5p to 225p	Milford Docks	5p to 90p
Commerzbank	5p to 700p	Stephen, J.	3p to 15p
Harcros	4p to 27p	Tollemache	10p to 85p
Johnson Grp	2p to 30p	Warren, J.	10p to 157p
Ldn Tin	3p to 128p	Wagon Fin	3p to 25p

Falls

Adda Int	2p to 13p	Kent, M. P.	2p to 18p
Bryant Hldgs	2p to 15p	Lex Services	2p to 16p
Broken Hill	20p to 470p	Latham, J.	10p to 85p
Court Hlls Ldn	5p to 20p	Nthn Foods	3p to 23p
Economic	10p to 130p	Rowton Hotels	5p to 45p
Henlys	5p to 47p	Union Corp	22p to 380p
Inchcape	12p to 225p	Western Areas	15p to 505p

Equities fell sharply.
Gilt-edged securities were quiet.
Sterling gained 60 points on the day yesterday, to close at $2.3195.
Gold was unchanged yesterday at $154½.

SDR-$ was 0.512466 while SDR-£ was 1.18513.
Commodities: Reuters' commodity index fell by 11.6 points to *1,257.8 yesterday.*

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.61	1.56
Austria Sch	44.75	42.75
Belgium Fr	95.25	92.50
Canada $	2.315	2.265
Denmark Kr	14.45	14.05
Finland Mkk	8.90	8.65
France Fr	11.35	11.05
Germany DM	6.30	6.10
Greece Dr	75.00	71.50
Hongkong $	12.00	11.65
Italy Lr	1640.00	1590.00
Japan Yn	730.00	705.00
Netherlands Gld	6.40	6.20
Norway Kr	13.10	12.75
Portugal Esc	66.00	60.75
S Africa Rd	1.99	1.91
Spain Pes	133.50	129.50
Sweden Kr	10.60	10.30
Switzerland Fr	7.15	6.90
US $	2.355	2.305
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.00	35.00

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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£20m deficit may follow state airline profits

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Airways made a net profit of £16.6m during 1973-74, but may lose up to £20m this year owing to inflation and increased fuel costs.

This was stated yesterday by Mr David Nicolson, chairman of the state airline, in presenting his annual report and accounts. In doing so he appealed for British Airways to be considered as a business and "*not a political pawn*".

Mr Nicolson said that the 1973-74 profit before interest and taxation was £60.9m, an increase of 79.6 per cent on the first year of the merged former BOAC and BEA.

The net profit of £16.6m compared with £5.2m in 1972-73 and represented a return on assets of 11.7 per cent, compared with 6.7 per cent the year before.

"But we cannot ignore the huge uncertainty that hangs over the scale of our future activities", Mr Nicolson said.

The benefits of the merger of the two airlines—estimated at about £50m a year—had been swamped by cost increases totalling £174m this year. Fares increases would produce an additional £99m revenue, but because of the higher prices traffic would be 10 per cent down.

"Tough years lie ahead". the report commented. "Depressing as the immediate future may appear, it is perhaps some consolation that we are in better shape than many of our competitors, particularly when the benefits of full rationalization have been realized."

Despite reductions in services because of fuel shortages, British Airways offered 5 per cent extra capacity during the financial year under review. A total of 14.4 million passengers were carried over 200 million miles on scheduled services—an increase of 8.4 per cent on the previous year.

Turnover was up by 20 per cent to £647m, while airline revenue increased by £106m to £578m, a rise of 22 per cent.

£80m order for Jaguar fighters

Two countries have placed orders worth £80m for the Jaguar fighter-trainer which is being developed jointly by the British Aircraft Corporation and the French company, Aerospatiale.

BAC said that one of these countries asked the corporation to make a study of an integrated air defence support and training scheme.

The Jaguar sold is an improved version, called the International, with more powerful engines.

The military forces of Britain and France are both taking 200 Jaguars. The first squadrons are now operational in each country.

EEC should borrow from Arabs for Italy, Signor Carli says

By David Blake

Confirmation that Italy is seeking medium and long-term loans from its partners in the European Community has come from Signor Guido Carli, governor of the Italian Central Bank. In an interview to be published tomorrow in the magazine *Espresso*, he said that the loans ought to be financed through borrowing by other Community countries from the Arab oil producers.

This marks a significant change of public policy by Signor Carli, who has up to now denied or played down suggestions that Italy was seeking foreign credits. The reason is thought to be his belief that the possibility of getting large foreign loans, either through direct negotiations with other governments or some channel such as the IMF, was being used by the Government as an excuse

Signor Carli has consistently argued that the growing difficulty being faced by Italy in its attempts to borrow through the Euromarkets makes restrictive policies at home essential. He has now decided that the package which has been laboriously agreed by the country's coalition to damp down demand is good enough, or at least the best that he can he can hope *for.*

This view also seems to be held by the Germans who, at a recent meeting in Bonn, went out of their way to state that they were impressed by the determination of the Italian Government to deal with its problems.

Whether this new found belief in the effectiveness of the Government's policies is because they have become substantially tougher (which does not seem to be the case in the two weeks since Signor Carli last went on record criticizing them for financial laxity) or whether it is because some of the trends in money markets seem to be easing a little is far from clear.

Certainly, things seem to be getting better. A recent 700,000m lire (about £463m) bond issue was taken up quickly, and the balance of payments appear to be improving. In July, which is admittedly always a good month because of the flood of foreign tourists, *there was a substantial surplus.* More importantly, ever since April the tough restrictions on imports have been cutting down the underlying trade deficit, while the outflow of capital also seems to have eased.

There is still a great deal of room for improvement as was sharply underlined by the publication of final trade figures for the first half of the year which show a deficit of 3,940,700m lire, well over twice the 1973 level.

But all of these optimistic signs will no doubt give added weight to the Italian appeal when it is discussed at a summit meeting between them and the Germans in the northern resort town of Bellagio on Saturday. The Germans are, as Signor *Carli delicately put it*, "often a key to many international financial operations", and their support will be vital to any attempt to get the EEC to come up with some money.

However, if any joint action is to be agreed, it will have to be supported by both France and the United Kingdom (two countries so far opposed to any extension of credit to Italy), as well as the other, smaller members of the Community.

Kuwait ends sterling currency domination

By Our Energy Correspondent

Kuwait has ended sterling's domination of its oil revenues. After decades of taking all oil company payments for crude in sterling, Kuwait is now receiving dollars as well.

Its first large payment in dollars came earlier this month when it asked Gulf Oil and British Petroleum to make $700m (£300m) worth of backpayments on oil revenues in dollars instead of sterling.

But there is still no confirmation that Kuwait is planning to invest £750m in British Government bonds. Mr Abdel Rahman al-Atiqi, Kuwait's Finance and Oil minister said yesterday that his country would be investing its funds in bonds and by other *mains abroad for its own benefit.*

But he declined to give any figures, or details, of Kuwait investments in Britain or other countries. "Kuwait's policy is to invest its funds in various countries and in different currencies without any discrimination" he said.

While Kuwait opted to take its backpayments for oil in dollars, it is asking BP and Gulf to continue to pay for their equity oil—the 40 per cent of production of just under two million barrels a day available to the companies at tax-paid cost—of $7 a barrel in sterling.

Kuwait is having considerable difficulty in selling all the remaining oil that it acquired under the recent 60/40 participation pact. It is taking part sterling and part dollars for the participation oil sold at $10.85 a barrel until the end of May and at $10.95 a barrel since.

The result of this policy is that about 80 per cent of the country's revenues are now received in sterling with the remainder in dollars. Kuwait appears to be at liberty to change the currency of payment, but according to oil sources there is no sign that it will in future demand payment for the equity oil in dollars rather than in sterling.

The lump-sum payment of $700m was the balance of the cost of increased prices for participation oil over the first seven months of the year. While the new buy-back price for Kuwait oil backdated to January 1 was being negotiated, Gulf and BP made substantial interim payments to Kuwait in sterling in lieu of a settlement, so they would not have an enormous retroactive payment to make once a deal was settled.

Although world oil prices are calculated in dollars and mainly paid in this currency, Kuwait, Iran and several others have traditionally received their revenues in sterling.

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BSC to pay up to £4 a tonne more for scrap

By Peter Hill

The British Steel Corporation has lifted the price it is prepared to pay for scrap by up to £4 a tonne. This is the second time this year that the state steel undertaking has increased its offer price in an attempt to generate more scrap.

But yesterday's decision has sparked off a major row. A spokesman for the British Independent Steel Producers Association—whose members have been accused by the BSC in the past few months of jacking up scrap prices—said it was "absolutely appalled" by the BSC's decision.

He added: "Private sector steelmakers are appalled at this further unilateral and unnecessary escalation of steelmaking costs at a time when the market is at least calmer than in earlier months this year."

Scrap industry sources said scrap merchants had been informed that the BSC was prepared to pay the new prices from yesterday. They range from an increase of £1.50 a tonne for turnings to slightly over £4 a tonne for premium grade scrap.

The BSC would not comment on the BISPA reaction, nor was it particularly forthcoming on the reasons for its decision to lift prices for a second time.

It appears, however, that the BSC is anxious to put itself on a more competitive basis with the prices being offered by the private sector, and this latest increase may enable the BSC to gain a larger share of the increased level of scrap arising which scrap industry experts believe will follow the increase.

A spokesman for the British Scrap Federation said last night that it was too early to predict the level of scrap which might be generated by the BSC's move, but it could amount to between 50,000 tonnes and 75,000 tonnes over the next week or so.

The fact that the BSC offer price for premium scrap had now been increased to more than £30 a tonne, he explained, would make scrap collection from fringe areas more attractive.

The BSC increased its scrap prices by about £9 a tonne in May, while the private sector producers imposed an unprecedented scrap surcharge on their steel products averaging about £5 a tonne soon after.

Scrap has been a major constraint on the BSC's output levels throughout the year and its normal purchases from merchants have been running at about six million tonnes annually.

Motor industry keeps on target for export surplus of £1,000m

By Clifford Webb

British motor manufacturers are well on target for a record £1,000m export surplus over imports this year. Last month exports exceeded imports by £95.5m, a 37 per cent improvement over July, 1973, and the highest surplus for any month this year.

But returns published by the *Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders* yesterday showed that foreign manufacturers are continuing to step up imports of commercial vehicles to take advantage of the short supply situation here, particularly in the super-heavy sector. Commercial imports more than doubled last month compared with July 1973, and at £149m are now 59 per cent up in the first seven months of the year.

Although commercial exports increased by only 16 per cent in the same period, they showed an encouraging 39 per cent improvement in July, and at £144m for the full seven months are three times bigger than imports.

Car imports fell by 18 per cent in July (22 per cent over the seven months). With car sales in Britain 25 per cent down on last year and the prospects of an even bigger fall in the closing months of the year, importers are clearly more optimistic than domestic producers. Stocks of imported cars are believed to be extremely high—reliable sources suggest as many as 180,000 cars, sufficient for eight months' supply.

But in situations such as the sharp burst of buying which took place in the first two weeks of August the ability to make immediate delivery from stock enables importers to increase their market share at the expense of home-based producers.

A sector which is coming in for increasing scrutiny by government ministers and trade union leaders is the sharp increase in imported motor components which has continued throughout 1973. Last month it increased by no less than 43 per cent compared with the seven-month average of 22 per cent.

Coming at a time when British components are competitively priced, the increase is being attributed to two factors: the failure of British companies to meet demand and the extensive component rationalization programmes of Ford, Vauxhall and Chrisler which are leading to higher component imports from their continental factories.

Economies in energy continuing

Economies in the use of energy during last winter's oil and coal supply crisis are continuing even though the immediate problems have been solved.

Power consumption in Britain dropped by 3.5 per cent in June compared with the same month in 1973, the seventh successive month in which the use of energy has declined.

According to *Energy Trends*, published by the Department of Energy, consumption for the second quarter of the year fell by 4.5 per cent over the second quarter of 1973.

Declines in the consumption of oil and coal during the six months have consistently been below the average fall-off in power usage, but there has been a boom in the use of natural gas.

More North Sea oil

Two new oil bearing zones have been discovered on block 21/1 of the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea by the Transworld Petroleum group.

In June they announced a flow of 1,345 barrels a day from the well 94 miles north east of Aberdeen. Deeper drilling is producing flows of 890 and 2,177 barrels a day from two new zones in the same well.

Wool price plea

Wool growers are to urge the Government to increase the guaranteed price for the British wool clip from 26p a pound to 30p a pound at or before the next farm price review.

Hull dockers black Danes' catamaran cargo service

More than 2,000 dockers meeting at Hull yesterday decided to black from Monday a cargo shipping service which does not need docks or dockers.

They also decided to black its ancillary services, including the British Waterways Board. The shipping company affected is Bacat, the Danish-owned barge aboard catamaran service between Hull and Rotterdam which cost £2m to set up seven months ago.

The system is cost and labour saving. It uses barges which are loaded at canal ports in south and west Yorkshire. They are then pushed by tugs to Hull for loading at a riverside berth into a catamaran ship for the sea crossing.

Although dockers are not needed the Bacat company agreed to pay four dockers £75 a week and two supervisors £98 a week as a token labour force aboard the catamaran. They also intended to have another group of dockers transferring cargo from one barge to another, so as to give them a 20 per cent share of the trade.

Now the dockers' unofficial shop stewards claim that the company has broken its agreement to handle only new trade. They claim it is handling existing trade which should go through Hull docks.

Only the rivercraft men are so far in favour of Bacat. They say it has provided more jobs with 26 of them on the Bacat barges. A spokesman for the Bacat company said the dockers' decision was disappointing.

CIR advocates recognition pacts

Advantages for employers and trade unions of concluding clear recognition agreements are spelt out in a study published today by the Commission on Industrial Relations.

The study draws on the CIR's experience of handling recognition disputes since it was set up as a Royal Commission in 1969.

The study says the main advantage of recognition agreements for employers is that future conflict between employer and union and between rival unions can be avoided. For unions the main advantages are easier recruitment and simpler negotiations.

CIR Study 5: Trade Union Recognition, CIR Experience. Stationery Office 65p (by post 72p.

U S wage/price code forecast

Washington, Aug 28.—Mr William Simon, the United States Treasury Secretary, believes that the new Cost of Living Council will have to establish guidelines on wages and prices and may call open hearings on proposed wage and price increases when such increases are above the guideline levels.

By these hearings, Mr Simon believes, public opinion can be mobilized to bring pressure to compel those companies contemplating increases to show restraint.

The *Washington Post* reported today that Mr Simon told some American journalists that rigid across-the-board guidelines were not contemplated and that the new agency "will have to look at each industry separately-

Thomson Holidays looking to 1975 profit

By Patricia Tisdall

Hopes of improved profitability resulting from the collapse of the rival Court Line group were expressed by executives of Thomson Holidays, largest of the inclusive holiday operators yesterday.

Thomson has no plans at present to increase its capacity for holidaymakers next summer to cater for former Clarkson and Horizon clients. But it expects the extra business to fill existing holiday programmes, budgeted at 80 to 85 per cent capacity, to saturation point and thus improve profits.

Mr Brian Llewellyn, chief executive of Thomson Travel Holdings, parent of Thomson Holidays said that the company was likely to make its first loss on record during 1974. The group, which includes airline and hotel interests as well as tour operations, saw 1972 profits of about £1.2m cut almost in half last year.

But in 1975, partly due to the increased bookings resulting from the Court Line demise, it "fully anticipates" a return to profitability according to Mr Llewellyn.

The company, however, is being cautious in its targets. In its summer brochure launched yesterday, it is planning to sell about 523,000 summer holiday tours in 1975, about the same level as during this year. The number of departure airports has been cut back from 15 to 10, with holiday programmes withdrawn from Exeter, Bournemouth, Teesside, Blackpool and Liverpool.

There are also many shorter holiday tours of 7, 10 and 11 days on offer for next year. Thomson believes that consumers facing severe price increases in other areas may reduce holiday spending by taking shorter holidays.

Price increases in the new brochure average about 15 per cent, lower than was predicted earlier in the year. However, according to Mr Llewellyn, the steep price rises of 20 to 25 per cent which occurred during 1974 should not need to be repeated next year.

Inclusive holiday prices, he said, are geared to the average industrial wage and the relationship has changed very little during the past few years.

Originally they offered a full inclusive holiday for the price of a return air fare on a scheduled service. Airline fare increases this winter of around 30 per cent mean that they will continue to offer good value to clients, he said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unpredictable strengths of high-alumina cement

From Mr D. D. Double and Mr A. Hellawell

Sir, the recent collapse of a few public buildings (*New Scientist*, vols 61 and 63, pp 752 and 25 respectively) has focused attention on the unpredictable strengths of structures made with quick setting, high-alumina cements. Many local authorities are currently spending considerable sums of money on the analysis of structural beams and supports made with this material, naturally with priority for schools, which open in a few weeks from now.

The problem is concerned with the degradation over a period of time (a few years), in certain environments, of the cement hydrate from one crystal form to another.

The extent of this degradation is commonly assessed by a laboratory technique called differential thermal analysis (DTA), which involves heating a small sample up to about 400°C and analysing the rate at which the temperature rises. The method of sampling, presently advised, is to take drillings beneath the surface of a structural member in order to produce a few grams of fine powder which are sufficient for the analysis.

By an astonishing oversight, two very simple factors appear to have been neglected.

Firstly, a typical mixture contains by volume some 75 per cent of sand and pebbles, some of the latter as big as 1in in diameter, so that although the exterior seems to be fairly uniform only a small proportion of the interior consists of the binding matrix. The filling materials (sand and flint) give a variable or negligible response during the analysis, and, not surprisingly, tests with drillings, taken at random, are almost meaningless.

Secondly, as many "do it yourself" enthusiasts will have experienced, it is difficult to drill a good concrete without the drill heating well above 100-200°C, and this happens to be the temperature range in which one of the important analytical heat losses occurs!

Both these points would seem to be obvious to any casual observer, but we draw attention to them because public safety is involved, and because large sums of the ratepayers' money are at stake, not only in the buildings themselves but in the expenses of analysing their quality.

It seems amazing to us that some national authority has not been more explicit in its advice to local authorities.

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Temps and perms: standards are not taught to keep now

From Miss Agnes Kinnersley

Sir, "But you haven't altered the carbons", I said to the 18-year-old temporary who had been working for two years.

She looked blank. When taught typing as an extra subject at a grammar school the teacher said you didn't alter the copies as "they only went on the file". She was genuinely contrite and said nobody had ever told her this before and she had worked in a number of offices.

I have also worked with two girls from different expensive secretarial colleges in London, where I know the training is rigorous, who have sploshed tinted letter heading with white Snopake and overtyped on carbon copies.

Apart from bad teaching and sloppy practice, what about all the "executives" who sign letters without reading them and have record copies on files bearing no resemblance to the top copies sent out of the office? What proof would they have in law that an alteration had been made on the letters sent out when they differed from copies retained in their firm?

Before anybody gets steamed up about temporaries, may I say that when I was one myself and asked for Cop-Ex to alter carbons as well as Tipp-ex for the top copies, I was met equally blankly.

I said I didn't see much point of one without the other, because if you were going to rub out on the carbons you might as well rub out on the top copies.

"Oh, we don't alter the carbons here; overtypes are accepted." And this in a firm a "household word" where they are certainly not over-worked and most staff are "permanent".

Does this prove if you are prepared to accept sub-standard work, this is what you'll get, and that Somerset Maugham was right when he said "if you go through life expecting nothing but the best, you are likely to get it"?

Yours faithfully,
AGNES KINNERSLEY,
18 Buckland Crescent,
London, NW3.

State Reserve Pension Schen

From Mr B. Sherman

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and myself.

Yours sincerely,
BARRIE SHERMAN, Di
of Research,
Association of Scientific,
Technical and Managerial
Staffs,
Jamestown Road,
London, NW1.

Postal sprint

From Mr A. H. R. Christi

Sir, At 3 pm on Tuesday, A
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and the small engine
organization concerned. I
think of no country in Eu
where it would be equalle

Yours faithfully,
A. H. R. CHRISTIAN,
The Mead,
Parsonage Downs,
Dunmow,
Essex.

Profits exceed £750,000. Dividend is up 25%

Clifford W. Wilton, Chairman, said:

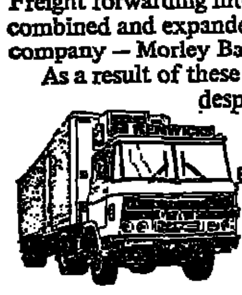
"It is a great disappointment not to be able to report an increase in profits for the year. Interim results showed profits 18% higher, but the sudden unforeseeable deterioration which occurred after Christmas brought about a downturn in profitability which, despite all our efforts, was unavoidable."

Here are some brief notes on how Divisions fared during a testing year:

Major expansion of Freight Division.

The merger of the Nuttall group of companies with our Freight Division in August 1973 was the Group's biggest acquisition to date. It involved swift reorganisation, restructuring management on a regional basis, and strengthening accounting and financial planning. Freight forwarding interests were combined and expanded in a new company – Morley Ball Ltd.

As a result of these actions and despite the energy crisis and three-day week, the Division had a successful year, with the Nuttall companies making a most satisfactory contribution.



We anticipate substantial growth and profit increase from this Division over the next two years, especially through expansion into the EEC.

Travel Division now fourth largest agency network in UK.

This Division continued to make good progress and earned substantially higher profits. The Jersey operations of Allens Air Holidays and Blue Coach Tours were especially successful.

The major acquisition of Park Travel in April 1974 added 16 offices to bring total sales outlets to 52, the fourth largest network in Britain. Economies of scale and increased profitability should now be possible.

Property development goes ahead in South West.

Steady progress was made throughout the year. Despite poor market conditions, sales of houses kept up with construction on the Plymouth, Plympton, Newton Ferrers and Exeter sites in which we are involved. We have also acquired prime sites at Truro and St. Ives.

Building the Moody 33 Motor Sailer in conjunction with AH Moody & Sons Ltd has proved most successful.

Motor Cars and Motor Caravans.

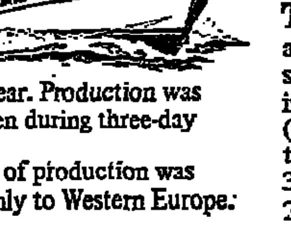
It was a difficult year for the retail motor trade with financial restrictions, petrol shortage, higher interest rates. Car sales declined from March 1973, and sales of motor caravans were minimal for the first three months after the introduction of VAT.

There have been persistent shortages of Chrysler cars and commercials through labour disputes and production changes; and hardening of the D-mark created pricing problems with the VW Passat.

Strengthened service and parts operations have helped in these difficulties.

Motor Cruisers - exports continue to grow.

Both output and sales of our luxury motor cruisers increased 40% over the previous year. Production was maintained even during three-day weeks.



About 40% of production was exported, mainly to Western Europe.

The immediate outlook for our cruisers and for these motor sailers remains good. Sales so far this year have been greater than last, especially exports to Europe.

Fuel distribution weathers difficult conditions.

The miners' prolonged overtime ban and strike, coupled with restrictive practices on the railways, made it a difficult year for the solid fuel trade. In spite of all the problems and frustrations experienced, the management and staff of Western Fuel Company successfully minimised the fall in sales.

During the year five more retail businesses were acquired, and more recently the other major distribution centre in Bristol, enabling this company to improve service both to the trade and to the public.

Another established firm of builders merchants was acquired. Profits from this section held up reasonably well over the year.

The outlook for solid fuel is better than for many years, following the oil crisis, and increased costs of other forms of energy.

The Board has recommended a final dividend of 1.18p per ordinary share (representing 1.76p including imputed tax credit). Interim 1.75p (2.5p) was paid in February. Adjusting for scrip issues, this amounts to 3.43p per share, compared with 2.67p for the previous year.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	1974	1973
Group trading profit after interest	£781,000	£1,013,000
Exceptional item – share of associated Company's profit on sales of undeveloped land	–	£366,000
Group profit before taxation and extraordinary items	£781,000	£1,379,000
Taxation	£420,000	£557,000

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INTERIM STATEMENT

LONRHO

SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND AND RESULTS FOR NINE MONTHS

The Directors have declared a second interim ordinary dividend in respect of the year ending on 30th September 1974 of 1.675p per share (equivalent to 2.5p per share before Advance Corporation Tax). A first interim dividend of 1.25p per share gross, equivalent to 1.136p per share gross on the increased issued share capital after the March 1974 bonus issue, was paid on 5th April 1974.

The total interim distribution of 3.636p per share gross compares with the interim dividend equivalent to 2.273p per share gross paid on 31st October 1973.

The second interim dividend will be paid on 31st October 1974 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 20th September 1974.

The unaudited results of the Lonrho Group of companies in respect of the nine months ended 30th June, 1974 are as follows :—

	Nine months ended 30th June, 1974 £ million	1973 £ million
Turnover	222.8	170.5
Profit before Taxation:		
Group	21.1	11.8
Associates	5.9	3.1
	27.0	14.9
Taxation	14.4	7.9
Profits after Taxation	12.6	7.0
Minority Interests	4.5	2.0
Profit attributable to Lonrho shareholders (before extraordinary items)	8.1	5.0

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Lion and the losses at Shepperton

Down 2p to a new low point ·f 40p, Lion International yields '5.6 per cent after the decision o downgrade last year's dividend forecast of 9.625p. The ating looks suitably cautious ı the light of references in ıe preliminary statement to an bnormally high cash outflow at hepperton Studio and the need ı maintain liquidity.

Last year's pre-tax profit has een struck after a £469,000 loss : Shepperton and losses in arl & Dean's United States peration of around £160,000. elow the line extraordinary harges of £140,000 net reflect dundancy payments at Shepperton; leaving the exceptional ems out of account, earnings r share would have shown a arginal decline from 7.7p to 5p.

The staff at Shepperton has w been reduced from more an 300 to almost nothing, ich should go some way to lp staunch the losses and ere are hopes that the United ates losses may be eliminated the current year. The poster siness, in the meantime, is parently going from strength strength after providing the lk of last year's profit.

The current year is unlikely see much contribution from property subsidiary which pped in around £140,000 last e, and while the main dle at Shepperton now ears to have been overcome h the savage reduction in ge costs that should follow redundancies, it could take e time for the rating to re- r the recovery potential in y' stock market climate.

s for the 40 acres of sur- land at the studios, the ional Film Finance Corpora- no longer enjoys its right eto over their sale. Planning lications have been lodged residential development—with housing in the dol- ns the prospects no longer as enticing as they did.

ll elimination of Lion's s would probably reduce p/e ratio to around 3. The market will now want to how far the group's recent osals, including that of bic House for £1.9m, have towards tidying up the nce sheet. But even assuming that the picture turns out rosy, J. H. Vavasseur's 51 cent holding could leave a l of uncertainty over the s.

l: 1973-74 (1972-73)
talization £3.71m
: £15.6m (£12.0m)
ax profits £1.92m (£1.87m)
ings per share 6.0p (7.6p)
end gross 6.25p (8.81p)

Lord Robens, chairman of Johnson Matthey: good order volume in most operations.

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e benefits of certainty

on Matthey's growth rate rged to 40 per cent again first quarter, proving the that the apparent slow- seen in the final quarter year was chiefly a reflec- f the three-day week. The price took note and itself d by 10p to 212p by the last night. This is not so se as it may appear at a when prices generally are for JM seems to go from th to strength as the rate lation increases.

uncertain monetary en- nent increases bullion ctions and that is re- d in the results of John- Matthey Bankers. Jewel- ales, though notionally able to consumer spend- ends, in fact seem to be d up by investment in- as monetary nervousness ses. This rubs off on mechanical products y and to some extent on g and chemical opera-

wise, the platinum price is underpinned to some extent by investment interest now as well as by demand for use in anti-pollution catalysts by the automobile industry. This is obviously good for Rustenburg, which is increasing its production. And on the colour transfer side, tableware demand is still holding up quite well as Royal Worcester's figures indicated this week.

Precious metal stocks at JM have risen from £9.5m to £19.7m, at market prices, though as the group does not take positions there is no stock profit. What is apparent, however, is a consequent leap in working capital, reflected in a jump from £7.5m to £27.7m in loans and from £0.24m to £1.05m in the quarterly interest charge. Still, metal prices appear to be peaking out and the working capital requirements should ease in line. The shares have a resilient look about them on a p/e ratio of 4¾ taking latest 12 months earnings. The yield is around 7.3 per cent assuming a maximum dividend increase.

1st Quarter:
Capitalization £36m
Sales £85.3m (£55.6m)
Pre-tax profits £4.44m (£3.17m)

Long John

Right sort of sales mix

Long John International saw its turnover rise by a half to £11.3m in the six months to end June with a large proportion of the increase due to the impact of high cereal prices on its merchanting activities. The inevitable consequence has been for interest charges to shoot up from £77,000 to £212,000 with the possibility that bank borrowings by the year end will be up from £1.7m to around the £6m mark.

That profits were usefully ahead of market expectations was due to two factors. The sales mix, with a strong fillings and bulk trade content, was more than sufficient to overcome the negligible profits made on United Kingdom brand sales.

The other factor behind the profits improvement was that the Italian deposit scheme did not have the effects once feared and Long John was able to raise its volume sales by well over the 32 per cent seen by the industry as a whole and the country now takes well over 15 per cent of the company's brand sales.

That the forecast for the full year is for maintained second half profits, indicating a total in excess of £2.3m, emphasizes Long John's comparative attractions over Bell, where a 10 per cent setback is on the cards. At 70p, the shares are selling at a maximum of five times prospective earnings and yield 10 per cent on the assumption of a full payout. With the added comfort that the company should be relatively immune from whatever may befall us this winter.

Interim: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £5.6m
Sales £11.3m (£7.48m)
Pre-tax profits £1.22m (£1.06m)
Dividend gross 2p (2p)

Robert M. Douglas

Why the price has held up

Robert M. Douglas (Contractors) has been an outstanding bear market performer so far this year, its shares, at 50p, standing only 6p below the level in February when it announced its interim results. And there is still no shortage of ammunition for the bulls.

Douglas kept second-half profits edging ahead despite the severe impact of three-day working on aggregates; it currently has a full order book for the whole of 1973-74 which guarantees turnover well in excess of the near £50m recorded last year; because of different accounting dates it already knows its Australian profits for the present year are handsomely higher; and it is still as comfortably liquid as it was at the end of 1972-73.

Whether that points to further share price strength from here on is another matter, however. On a six-month view it could be a good stock to hold. A p/e ratio of 3.6 is certainly not demanding, and given Douglas's lack of involvement in housing, property development and small-scale contracting—most of its orders are worth upwards of £4m—its defensive attributes cannot be questioned. But by the same token, it is at the wrong end of the cycle to expect to see much action during any market rallies.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £3.98m
Pre-tax profits £2.36m (£1.87m)
Earnings per share 13.9p (14.7p)
Dividend gross 4.41p (4.2p)

Lonrho

Hopes for 1975

An 81 per cent jump in the nine months' pre-tax total at Lonrho met with little response from a well prepared market yesterday. The only reaction was to give the wheel another turn and make fresh projections as to the outcome for the full year with estimates ranging from £38m upwards.

But the possibility of a figure in the region of £45m is less important than the company's expectation that next year will be even better with some significant developments soon to be announced, probably in connexion with Egypt and the Sudan.

The advance came apparently across the board with sugar good on the high world price although a large proportion is sold at well below the spot price. United Kingdom income was well ahead. Wankel is making progress but below the best expectations while the 45 per cent stake in Ashanti continues to benefit from the still high gold price.

At 58p, Lonrho shares are selling at under three times likely earnings. But this is a case where the traditional ratios carry less import than ever. While the Kuwaitis have 7 per cent of the equity, the institutions continue to hold off, and are likely to do so until after the publication of the DTI report. Against this, the share performance may well be pedestrian in the short term.

Nine months: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £41.9m
Sales £223m (171m)
Pre-tax profits £27.0m (£14.9m)
Dividend gross 3.64p (N/c)

The case for a more radical approach to wealth tax

Professor Ian Little argues for the replacements of many existing forms of levy

There are two reasons for taxing wealth. The first is to level down the rich (not to redistribute wealth). The second is that wealth is a very good basis for taxation, and therefore wealth taxes could replace other taxes with gains for both equity and efficiency.

The kind of wealth taxation adumbrated in the Green Paper will do rather little to hurt the very rich; the pips are already squeaking, but they are not going to be squeezed very hard. More serious in my opinion is that it looks as if a great opportunity to improve the whole system of taxing property and property incomes could be missed.

There is no mention in the Green Paper of abolishing other taxes—the illustrative rates are too low, and the exemption level too high, for this.

The "capital transfer" tax, assessed on the donor's cumulative gifts, is also intended to soak the rich, and in particular to prevent the inter-generational transfer of large fortunes.

What is proposed is again lenient. If I have interpreted the proposals correctly a man could probably get rid of close on £200,000 during his lifetime without paying tax. If a man of moderate wealth does not usually give away over half his fortune before death (and, after all, around £400m of estate duty is collected), only those with wealth over about, say, £350,000 are likely to be hit by this gifts tax.

The proposals which Mr John Fleming and I are making in a pamphlet to be published on September 2* are very different. We regard the introduction of a tax on wealth *in situ*, as the occasion to begin to remove existing property taxes, all of which are taxes on *transactions* in wealth, and all of which are inferior in our opinion to a progressive wealth tax.

First, there is capital gains tax, which is highly inequitable because it taxes real capital losses in inflationary times; which is administratively costly and burdensome on the taxpayer; which is not significantly progressive as between wealth holders; and which by inhibiting the transfer of assets results in economic inefficiency.

Second, there are stamp duties which have all the disadvantages of the capital gains tax, except that they do not tax real losses. Third, there are death duties, which are much less objectionable, and in lieu of which we would make our heavy wealth tax payable twice (or possibly thrice, depending on the rates chosen) in the terminal year. Lastly, there is the new gifts tax to which we return below.

It is obvious that such a programme requires that the wealth tax be heavier than that proposed by the Government. Now, a heavy wealth tax promises grave problems for small business if superimposed on an investment income tax.

Consider a bachelor owning almost all the shares in an incorporated business assessed to wealth tax at £250,000 and with other assets (his house and chattels) worth £50,000. He pays himself a salary of £8,000, but no dividend, and has a net income of £5,216.

At 1 per cent over £100,000 the wealth tax is only £2,000. But he would have to pay himself a dividend of £8,542 to get this £2,000 net (or would have had to, if Mr Healey's proposed new slice of surcharge had not been defeated).

Allowing for corporation tax, he has to make a gross return on capital of almost 7 per cent merely to pay his personal wealth tax, which is anyway rather trifling in relation to his wealth. Thus if superimposed on income tax, even a low rate wealth tax causes a grave problem.

This is why the Green Paper considers the possibility of deferring liability to death or retirement (which solves the problem—but only for a time). If there were no investment income tax, however, the wealth tax could be a lot heavier.

An average rate of almost 3 per cent compared to the Green Paper 0.66 per cent would represent the same burden. But then this 3 per cent would also apply to all the rentiers where there is no similar problem of threatening the viability of businesses.

We therefore propose to eliminate all taxation of investment income (not merely the surcharge), which permits the rich rentier to be taxed at high rates on his wealth. This is far superior to the investment income tax which the rich man can avoid as much as he wants by buying zero yielding assets (it was this avoidability which was used as an argument for capital gains tax—an argument which would now vanish); and which, with inflation, now unfairly taxes negative real incomes as if they were positive.

The essential figure to decide is the point where a business (including farms—though they are less of a problem since land values would fall) can efficiently be divided among shareholders. After that point, the wealth tax can become as heavy as any leveller wants without destroying the existence and growth of small businesses. Having regard to the possibility of family shares one might put it as low as £300,000. Others might say £500,000.

Everything should be done to improve the marketability of shares in small companies, including the elimination of the stamp duties so recently increased, for this permits high wealth tax rates to start at lower levels.

But if wealth tax rates can become very high over, say, £350,000 is there any need for a gifts tax? There are obviously two approaches to taxing the inter-generational transfer of wealth. One is by taxing the transmission which is what the Government proposes: the other is to tax wealth so hard that there is little to transmit.

I have suggested above that the adumbrated gifts tax is, anyway, not going to hurt people significantly with less than about £350,000, and that wealth tax rates can be made very high over this level.

Of course, one does not want to eliminate taxes merely for the sake of elimination. But a gifts tax has disadvantages—it is surely one of the most evadable of taxes: and it goes against the grain of the natural feeling that it is right to do well by one's children.

As proposed by the Government, the gifts tax has the further defect that it gives an incentive to hang on to wealth until death, except in so far as it can be transmitted tax free. With no gifts tax, but a heavy wealth tax, there is an incentive to hand on the wealth as soon as possible.

Under the higher of the illustrative schedules in our pamphlet, a millionaire couple with wealth split equally could reduce the family's annual wealth tax from £48,500 to £34,100 by each giving a quarter of a million pounds to a married son who also split with his wife.

We suggest this is a better "scenario" than having the family pay a much lower annual wealth tax, about £9,000, with a final tax payment on death of about £400,000—this perhaps being made 25 years later than a gift under our proposals.

In our opinion, however, some form of gifts tax—preferably an accessions tax—should be retained unless the Government felt able to raise the marginal rate, on millionaires and over, well above 10 per cent—at least to 15 per cent, if not to our proposed 20 per cent.

What then are our proposals? They are to start the wealth tax in the range of £20,000-£25,000 at 1½ per cent. The tax on successive slices would rise so that the marginal and average rates at £350,000 would be 5 per cent and around 3 per cent, and at £1m would be 10 per cent and around 6 per cent.

At £20m the average rate would rise to 17½ per cent. This assumes the abolition of all the taxes mentioned.

An alternative would be to retain a gifts tax, and let the top rate rise only to, say, 10 per cent. On balance, I suggest it is better to rely on the wealth tax alone, especially if the rate of tax on gifts has to be dependent on the donor's and not the recipient's wealth.

An important by-product of these proposals is that the marginal rate of tax on earned income would be reduced by between 5 per cent and 20 per cent for most people with wealth of between about £50,000 and £1,500,000. As compared with now, everyone with wealth of less than the starting point would gain, but not by much since there is little investment income at these levels.

Those with more than £250,000 would lose, increasingly heavily the richer they were. In between, the experience would vary, but for most people there would be small gains. In total, it is claimed that the revenue raised would come at least within striking distance of that now raised.

The essential reason for these radical proposals is that a tax on wealth *in situ* is more equitable and less avoidable, and interferes less with incentives and economic efficiency, than the taxes which we proposed it should replace. And only if they are replaced can the wealth tax be heavy enough to create an economy in which people are allowed, even encouraged, to become moderately wealthy, but are prevented from becoming exceedingly wealthy and handing their wealth on.

It will, of course, be said that our proposals are administratively impossible. We believe on the contrary that, given time, they would represent a saving in the total cost of tax collection.

Of course, time is needed. Such a radical reform could and should only be introduced gradually. We also recognize that now may not be an ideal time to start!

**Why we need a Wealth Tax*, Methuen and Co.

The author, a fellow of Nuffield College, is Professor of the Economics of Under-developed Countries at Oxford University.

Engineering industry's reasons for wanting freedom from state intervention

The Engineering Employers' Federation 1974 economic survey has, if nothing else, underlined the rising tide of abhorrence among industry's leaders against greater state involvement in private enterprise.

While the Confederation of British Industry's gloomy July industrial trends survey put cash flow, liquidity and profitability problems at the top of the list, the EEF repeatedly grasps the opportunity to shake its fist at the Government.

The survey, the first major industrial report to be published since the Government revealed its intentions in the *Regeneration of British Industry* White Paper, states firmly that private sector industry leaders "are not prepared to watch the slow decline of a vital industry with equanimity.

"We assert that the industry is too important to be allowed to suffer from the caprices of party political advantage and that the major parties should agree on measures concerned with promoting its healthy growth."

Of the 628 engineering concerns canvassed for the survey, which was completed by July 19, almost 50 per cent employ less than 200 people and these, apparently, are more worried about the effects of further nationalization than the engineering giants.

On some aspects, the survey shows that the views of many engineering companies are surprisingly at variance with the results of the CBI and other reports, particularly when it comes to future capital investment.

But in spite of less pessimism, the cloud of gloom still hangs low over the country's engineering factories, caused, the EEF says, by various government policies—nationalization, prospects of trade union domination of companies through board level participation and the uncertain future of Britain in the EEC.

Changing governments have produced a complex web of legislation covering taxation, allowances and tax concessions. The EEF, whose members it stresses are engaged in making things—machines and equipment—which generate real wealth, concludes: "The major British preoccupation, to the detriment of the nation, seems to be the division of the national wealth rather than its creation."

With uncertainty named as the "prime enemy" of economic growth and the engineering industry being "all about investment", the survey's questions on planned capital spending give a clear insight to the state of play.

During the next 12 months, 78 per cent of the companies covered plan to spend more on plant and machinery, a far more encouraging trend than that reported by the CBI survey, in which 67 per cent said they intended to make the same or less capital investment.

The construction industry appears to be facing little demand from engineering with only 30 per cent of companies planning extra investment on new buildings. This is still higher than the CBI's reckoning of 21 per cent.

Analysis by sector shows that metal manufacturing, consumer durables, shipbuilding and vehicles and metal goods, all of which face weak demand in the coming year, are planning the most widespread investment in buildings, plant and machinery. This, the EEF says, gives cause for encouragement.

The EEF also gave companies a list of seven "uncertainties" and what clearly emerges—as in the CBI survey—is that shortage of labour and lack of liquidity are the strongest brakes on investment. Thirteen per cent said that the three-day week caused them to postpone investment, 9 per cent quoted the Government's nationalization plans and 6 per cent picked out the effects of oil price rises.

Coming after the three-day week and a rundown of stocks at the end of last year, the survey also indicates that there should be an historically high investment in stocks, particularly raw materials, in the next year. Companies making consumer durables plan widespread restocking.

Thirty per cent of the companies questioned cited the shortage of skilled labour as the most pressing problem in the next six to 12 months, which has surprised the EEF in view of unemployment fears.

However, it concludes "with some confidence" that no big drop in activity is expected before mid-1975 in the larger part of the engineering industry. The one note of warning on the investment front is that "the stated intention to invest is not the same thing as placing orders".

Inflationary pressures, high levels of corporation tax, advance corporation tax and unrestrained wage demands, it says, will aggravate a severe cash flow problem.

With a period of slack demand round the corner, and the cash flow problem being "desperate" in some cases despite good order books, there is a strong possibility that labour forces will have to be cut.

The EEF gives warning that manufacturers in areas hard-hit by a slump in demand, such as vehicles and sophisticated consumer electrical goods, may be expected to retrench and redundancies are seen as inevitable.

More positively, the EEF points out that though there is a levelling out of orders and sales, this is happening at a high level, with orders-on-hand so great that many companies still have closed order books.

The industry's vital export markets are expected to remain buoyant up to the end of the year "although after that the concerted recession in world markets which must be expected in 1975 is bound to have a fairly dismal effect". Engineering accounts for 50 per cent of Britain's exports.

Underlying the EEF's economic argument throughout the survey is its call for greater stability and consistency from government, matching the CBI's demand for an abandonment of "arbitrary intervention".

As well as urging that flat rate wage settlements, such as threshold agreements, be categorically abandoned, the EEF also lays down its three suggested policies for economic growth. These are: encourage investment in the private sector, tax real profits not inflated surpluses, and reduce government expenditure and the amount of gross national product absorbed by those sectors of the public economy which do not directly contribute to the national wealth.

Edward Townsend

Business Diary: Sterling stuff? ● Wool to New Zealand

as Gluckstein and Geof- Smith, chairman and or of the London Conven- ureau, an offshoot of the n Tourist Board, seem to aking more headway in ı parts than on their own ground this summer.

the first time in its 61 the Association of Con- n and Visitors' Bureaux is onvene outside North ca—in London, next t. Furthermore, the ition has elected its first rth American—Smith—to ard and given its top for conference promotion don.

back in the capital, Gluck- ı director of J. Lyons, and a former Shell man, now farther away than they ı year ago from achieving earts' desire—a 5,000-seat se-built conference centre.

year, Geoffrey Rippon, ecretary for the Environ- rejected proposals for the lopment of Covent Gar- which incorporated just centre.

n in April of this year an apparent change of by the Greater London il, who declared them- against any specialist ence centre of this size, id they would wear a com conference and exhibition , provided somebody else pay for it.

blow must have been larly galling for Gluck and for Smi[illegible] since i[illegible] [illegible] Inter [illegible] unced that for the first time London had attracted more international gatherings than any other city.

Here, however, is a suggestion. The GLC controls London Transport, who happen to own some land linking the Earls Court and Olympia exhibition centres owned by Jeffrey Sterling's Town and City Properties.

Sterling plans to redevelop the two sites, and it may be that as part of a deal with GLC-London Transport, there could be a three-site deal. A 5,000-seat conference facility could be incorporated into the new exhibition complex, should there be a meeting of minds on the subject.

Such a facility, coming on top of two other conference developments, would place London firmly in the front rank of international conference destinations. A private development in Wembley, seating 2,700, opens in September, 1976, and a City Corporation Barbican development, seating more than 2,000, some time after that.

Rare breed

In its 25 years of operation the British Wool Marketing Board has resolutely hidden its light under a bushel (or should it be a bale). Yesterday, however, the board shed its reticence and held forth on its achievements and the state of the market at its first press conference (in past years it has been in informal contact with the farming and wool trade press).

Present economic circumstances, and the fact that the board had reached a milestone in its career, chairman Walter Elliott explained, had prompted the break with tradition.

It emerged that the board has been successfully beavering away in the background promoting British Wool round the world—even exporting it to New Zealand, would you believe—and exerting a benign influence over the activities of Britain's 90,000 or so wool growers—more, incidentally than there are in Australia.

But for Ramsay Blackley, the board's chief executive, yesterday's press conference was very much a hello and goodbye event. After more than 20 years in the job he is to retire on health grounds. His colleagues admit that a replacement of his calibre and experience is going to be difficult to find.

The son of a Scottish farmer, Blackley is a rare breed, combining academic prowess with degrees and diplomas from the Universities of Glasgow and Oxford and practical farming experience in Canada and Denmark, as well as administrative capabilities which were tested during a stint as a staff officer in the Army in Germany, responsible for feeding several million people.

He has, however, set in motion management changes in advance of his departure, involving the devolution of some of his responsibilities as chief executive to a commercial director. The board, he said yesterday, would be looking for an administrator to take over the chief executive's job.

Cash demo

British Leyland workers are demonstrating their confidence in the corporation by forming investment groups to purchase company shares. Despite the gloom in the City they insist that the present share price of 9p makes them a good buy.

But in reporting this development *British Leyland Mirror*—the group's own newspaper—is careful not to give a direct answer to "the thousands of BL employees who are asking 'Should we buy British Leyland shares?'"

Instead, it quotes an unnamed leading London stockbroker: "I would not advise any client to invest all his spare cash in the company for which he works. Look at it this way; if that company ran into trouble my client would not only lose his job, he would lose his savings as well.

"But I see no harm in a client investing a small amount each week so long as he spreads his total investment in other fields to protect his interests."

Describing the action of the BL share groups as "very creditable in these difficult days" the broker adds a further warning: "Let me close by saying that the stock market is passing through rather dark days and my advice to clients would be to approach industrial investment with an element of caution."

That BL obtained and printed this warning in a prominent position in a newspaper circulated to all its 170,000 employees is being interpreted at factory level as an attempt to absolve management from responsibility for share purchases by employees.

A senior shop steward at the Longbridge car plant said yesterday: "I think this is a commendable attitude on the part of Lord Stokes and his colleagues. If this share buying really snowballed and the shares remained depressed for a long time or even, God forbid, the company went bust, then they would be directly responsible for thousands of workers losing their savings."

But he said that by publicizing worker share purchases on the front page of the group newspaper for the past two issues management was clearly trying to encourage the practice.

More about the public relations shake-up at British Leyland, after the internal manpower review recently reported in Business Diary. Richard Seth-Smith is going to the group's special tuning unit at Abingdon, where they sell performance kits to younger drivers. Industrial spokesman Stephen Harrison is also to sell BL to the city, after the departure of Robert Dalrymple, one of the two spokesmen taken on by head office only last year.

EDBRO
(HOLDINGS) LIMITED
(Hydraulic Engineers)

A very creditable achievement

Points from the Review by the Chairman, Mr. Eric W. Tonge.

Financial Highlights	**1974**	1973
Turnover	**£11,425,999**	£9,449,884
Net profit before taxation	**£ 1,610,726**	£1,395,671
Profit available for dividends and retentions	**£ 730,994**	£ 922,839
Final Dividend (1974: proposed)	**3.0179p**	3.00p
Earnings per share after taxation adjustment for 1973	**11.00p**	9.93p

Profit before taxation increased by 17%, in spite of the loss of production caused by the three-day week. These results are very creditable and much better than expected.

Introduction of fully automatic transfer line expected to make significant contribution towards easing delivery problems.

We are confident that we can continue to increase our sales in Europe, and indeed throughout the world, provided that circumstances allow our prices to remain competitive in the international field.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Lever Street, Bolton BL3 6DJ.

Business appointments

Shell International director

Mr F. U. J. O'Brien, head of legal division, London, has become a director of Shell International Petroleum Company *with effect* from September 1.

Mr M. A. Anderson has joined the board of H. Jackson & Company.

Mr Robert M. Rice has become vice-president finance and chief financial officer of Rockwell International Corporation.

Col H. F. O. Bewsher has been *made director-general of the* Scotch Whisky Association.

Mr Eric Doorbar is joining Spicer-Cowan at the beginning of September as deputy managing director and will succeed Mr Jack Howarth as managing director early next year. *Mr Howarth is* retiring because of ill health.

From September 1, Mr J. R. *Motwat becomes* assistant managing director of Anderson Mavor while retaining his former responsibilities as technical director. Mr J. R. Morris *joins* the board as marketing director.

Mr Peter Kaye has been made managing director of Alpine Double Glazing and Mr Kenneth *Ryman has been promoted to sales* director.

Mr W. Cronk has been *appointed a director of UBAF.*

Mr Ian Howard, managing director, K-Tex Internation (UK) has become vice-president, European operations.

Mr C. A. W. Dawes has joined the board of Shepherd Neame as a non-executive director.

Mr R. M. Wallace has been elected chairman of Wallace Shipping in succession to Mr B. J. Brennan, who has retired. Mr Wallace remains managing director.

Mr J. Plastow has been made senior international executive for the United Kingdom in National Westminster Bank's international banking division. His successor as divisional advances manager is Mr *D. S. Collis. Mr H. M. Fail* becomes a senior planning manager of the international division and is succeeded as manager, strategic planning by Mr M. J. Kent.

Mr A. T. Copsey has become a director of R. & G. Cuthbert.

Mr Simon Everard is to be chairman of Ellis and Everard (Chemicals). He replaces his brother, Mr Anthony Everard, who relinquishes the position to devote more time to group matters in his position as chairman of Ellis and Everard, and Ellis and Everard (Building Supplies). Mr David C. Walsh is to be managing director of Ellis and Everard (Chemicals), in place of Mr Simon Everard.

Mr J. M. Chalmers has been appointed group personnel and administration controller for Louis C. Edwards and Sons, the Manchester-based meat producing group.

Mr J. M. Hobbs, Mr W. J. C. Doule and Mr R. W. Seabrook *have been elected to the board of* Investeco Overseas Holdings.

Flying start by Trutex

Record interim profits have been achieved by Trutex, makers of schoolwear and leisurewear for teenagers. On turnover up from £2.3m to *£3.86m*, taxable profits swelled from £230,000 to £346,000. The net comes out at £166,000, (*£125,000*) while the dividend moves up to 0.99p campared with 0.87p.

Deliveries to the *retail* trade since June have continued at a high level, and the company is *well placed to take advantage* of any downturn in raw material prices.

SCOTTISH HOMES INV

For year to March 31 taxable profit was more than doubled from *£104,000* to £238,000; earnings per share, 2.12p (2.05p); and total dividend 1.46p (0.71p). (Correction).

AAH LTD

Chairman says first three months *trading* has *produced profits* in excess of same period of last year.

Dexion aims for £2.4m peak

Details of the agreed offer (55 per cent acceptance has been guaranteed) by Interlake Inc, for Dexion-Comino International have now been sent out, and include a forecast by the Dexion board that taxable profits wil go up from £2.08m to a record *£2.45m this year. After* six months trading the group has already managed a profit *of £1.25m* (against £1.23m) after allowing for an unrealized exchange loss of £87,000 (*against a profit of £357,000*), adding £20,000 (£18,000) for asociates, and deducting a loss of £70,000 for the previous year by a subsidiary now sold. Turnover is up from £18.5m to £20.6m.

COMMERCIAL UNION—
ST MARTIN'S

By two bargains struck on August 14 Commercial Union Assurance became interested in 6.83 million St Martin's Property ordinary shares.

The facts about your Food Industry

-extract from the statement of the Chairman of Cavenham Limited

The British food industry is almost universally recognised as the most competitive and most efficient in Europe. 17 out of the *top* 22 European food companies are British. The overseas press has expressed great concern about the ability of the relatively fragmented local food companies to compete on equal terms with their U.K. counterparts. Operating margins—i.e. the difference between buying and selling prices—are lower in U.K. stores not only than in Europe, but even in America. And despite the fact that Britain is forced by its dense population and small geographic size to import so much of its food, true food prices—measured for instance in terms of the number of minutes a man must work at average pay rates to earn a pound of butter, a loaf of bread, a pint of milk etc.—are substantially lower than in any other European country. *Unfortunately the British food* industry has traditionally taken its own efficiency so much for granted that it has rarely bothered to publicise the facts, and the public is not as conscious as it should be that it benefits from the most competitive food industry in Europe.

That industry now faces two major challenges. *The first is external*—a world-wide inflationary situation, particularly on food prices. World food-growing resources are more finite than world population growth, and increasing demand among the developing countries for higher living standards puts further pressure on limited supply. But *whatever the effects of this pressure on* ultimate food prices, there is in my mind no doubt that the British consumer will continue to benefit from the efficiency of the British food industry—provided only that industry can continue to improve its own productivity through investment in new methods, new machinery, new *distributive outlets.*

How far this will prove possible depends on the solution to the second challenge facing the industry. This is an internal challenge that appears to aim at breaking down the traditional competitive free enterprise nature of industry—the apparent belief that an *intelligent non-businessman can run* industry better than an intelligent businessman. This belief, however well-intentioned, seems based on a fundamental misunderstanding of two of the vital elements of current business operations: the "shareholder concept" and the "profit concept".

Role of the Shareholder

It is too easy to misrepresent the role and characteristics of the shareholder. In fact the true owners of British Industry are the British public. The backbone of the U.K. capital market, which has been a major force in the dynamism of British industry, is the strength of the institutional investor—the insurance society and the pension fund. Millions *of working people set aside money from* their income to provide for their pension, or to buy life or other insurance. On the Continent pensions are not funded on a capital basis but on an income basis. This means that the pension funds pay out each year approximately the same as they receive in income. In Britain, however, the funds are endowed with the capital which is necessary to earn an income equal to their annual outgoings. This *capital* they invest in British Industry. Thus the pension funds and insurance companies are the principal shareholders in Britain. Indeed it is estimated that they own *nearly* 60% of all Ordinary shares quoted on The London Stock Exchange. Ultimately therefore the dominant capitalist and shareholder in British industry is already the community at large, and any action taken to damage the "shareholder" damages the community itself. I sometimes wonder whether it is realised that when other countries *propose* worker participation in the capital of their industry, they are trying to find ways of reproducing a system which has flourished in the U.K. for decades. It is ironic that *we in Britain seem to believe* that others have discovered something new and that we must now copy them.

It is equally easy to attack the profit motive as something socially unacceptable. In fact profits are the life blood of industry that enable it constantly to renew and improve itself. Profits are used essentially for three purposes: over half *goes in the form of tax and so is ploughed* back into the community; a minority of what remains goes as dividend on the capital invested—and to the extent that institutions are shareholders this represents the income which is again ploughed back into the community as pension and insurance payments and as *further investments in industry; the* final slice is re-invested in the company to help it grow and remain competitive.

In the case of Cavenham, last year our profit before tax reached £30.7 million. However after taking into account extraordinary items and the increased level of U.K. taxation (the rate of which has risen by a third *from 40% to 52%*) the net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders was £14.7 million; of this £2.9 million was paid as dividends to ordinary shareholders and £11.8 million was re-invested in the company.

New Investment

There are four main areas in which new investment is necessary;

1. As part of worldwide inflation, costs of raw materials have rocketed. This means that we need much more money to pay for the same amount of stock. (A ton of flour cost £67 a year ago and £138 now and it therefore costs £71 more to finance each ton held in stock). Cocoa has risen from £810 to £1,035 a ton; soya oil from £280 to £540 a ton—the situation is familiar to everyone. Many millions of pounds of extra capital must somehow be found simply to finance these increased stockholdings.

2. Machinery and buildings have a lifespan and have to be replaced. Under British accountancy rules for tax purposes, provision is allowed for depreciation, but on *the basis* that the equipment can be replaced at its original cost. It is evident that a car bought 10 years ago cannot be replaced today at anything approaching its original price, and the same goes for virtually all equipment. So the depreciation put aside is inadequate and the shortfall is substantial and increasing rapidly through inflation. This shortfall has to be found out of new capital. This also, by the way, means that profits made by British industry are in reality overstated because they do not allow for depreciation on the realistic basis of replacement values.

3. To remain competitive on a world-wide basis as well as to pay increasing wages to our staff we must continually improve productivity. This is perhaps the most critical area of all for new investment, since without the profits to pay for new factories, better machines, larger and more up-to-date stores the company would inevitably decay, become uncompetitive and ultimately give much poorer value to the consumer.

4. The three uses of capital so far outlined assumes the company remains efficient and up-to-date, but without necessarily growing. But genuine growth, whether organically or by acquisition, is another important need for a truly dynamic company—and for industry as a whole. It is critically necessary that ailing and inefficient companies should be replaced by those more capable of pro*ducing proper results for employees,* shareholders and the community at large. To finance growth once again means more capital for increased stocks, debtors, plant, machinery, stores and *for new marketing efforts* nationally and overseas. New capital can come from four main sources;

- depreciation and retained earnings;
- borrowing *money*;
- issuing new capital;
- Government grants.

As I have already pointed out Cavenham's net attributable profit last year was £14.7 million of which £2.9 million was paid to shareholders and £11.8 million retained in the business. Depreciation added £8.9 million to new capital *available. On our present estimates* we expect to spend £33.5 million in the current year on the type of new investment described above—ignoring the acquisition of any new business. Thus we expect a negative cash flow of £12.8 million and this in spite of the fact that shareholders will receive as dividend only 9.49% of *profits before tax or 19.78% of net at*tributable profits or about one third of one penny per £. Cavenham can live with this situation for some time because we have managed our cash affairs well and have large liquid resources. But we cannot expect to sustain a cash drain indefinitely, and for industry as a whole *the situation* is likely to be much more serious. Cavenham as a Group also has the advantage of a thriving overseas operation. But the overseas companies have their own investment requirements, and cannot be expected indefinitely to prop up U.K. operations.

Borrowing new money also has a definite limit. If too much is borrowed then the company's financial equilibrium is destroyed and so therefore its credit worthiness. It inexorably leads to ruin. Moreover with present high in*terest* rates, up to 15% return on the new capital is required merely to fund the borrowing, without even considering repaying the principal or putting the new capital to work for growth.

Issuing new capital means that *new* investors have to be found to buy the new shares being issued. Whether one likes it or not, investors invest because the return on their investment is reasonable and because the risks they are taking by making such an investment bear a reasonable relationship to the reward that they can hope to harvest. At the moment companies are not allowed to pay dividends which are related to the profits that they make. Thus, even if an investor picks a successful company to invest in and that company prospers, the return on investment will none the less remain unattractive. At the moment in spite of the very depressed state of the Stock Market investors in Ordinary shares of British industry only receive on average dividends equal to 7% of their investment. Investors who wish to avoid the risk of investing in Ordinary shares can instead lend to the very same companies at an average yield of 13%. Thus raising capital by the issue of new shares is not a realistic proposal.

Encouraging Enterprise

Finally we come to Government grants. I do not believe *that it is to the* best advantage of Britain that its industry should become a cripple reliant on the Government for support. I do not believe that this is the way to encourage the enterprise, the skills, the willingness to take risks, and the energy to exploit new opportunities, of those who *work in Britain. But in any case govern*ment grants do not solve the problem, but simply transfer it to the average tax payer, since the grant must itself be recouped, most probably by increased income tax rates. The only real solution is for British industry to get the capital it needs through sane and realistic at*titudes to profit otherwise then vital* investment will be curtailed and this will inevitably lead to inefficiency and decrepitude.

In the new and increasingly difficult business *climate* being imposed on British industry, the quality of staff becomes still more critical. Cavenham is particularly fortunate in the energy and team spirit brought by all staff at all *levels towards meeting* today's challenges. To all 80,000 members of the team we give our sincere thanks.

JAMES M. GOLDSMITH
Chairman

Cavenham

FINANCIAL NEWS

Heavy going for Pearl but 'strong' liquid position is maintained

Pearl Assurance has not experienced any pressure on its liquidity, but as a matter of policy it has maintained the strong liquid position developed last year. In spite of this, the shares dropped 6p to 126p yesterday.

In a gloomy interim report the board says general United Kingdom experience has been less favourable, the major sources of overseas business are still "causing concern"—notably Canada and Australia— and the indications are that overall there will be no marked improvement *this year, though the half-time* result is not always a reliable guide. A dividend of 5.2p (5p) *is to be paid.*

More specifically, the statement says that worldwide *general premiums grew 12 per* cent to £11.58m even though some unprofitable overseas operations have been ended. In the United Kingdom premiums rose by 12 per cent. But there was a serious increase in indus*trial losses, including the Flix*borough explosion.

While the motor account is showing a slight improvement because of the earlier fuel restrictions, the rising cost of claims settlements (says the company) means that premiums must go up by between 15 and 25 per cent from October 1.

Experience in Canada is un*favourable while the* reinsurance cover the company provides for the Australian Eagle Star Company will again bring Pearl a "substantial" underwriting loss.

On life business the report says progress continues satisfactorily, notably in the industrial branch where new annual *premiums were £5.31m (£4.54m)*, new sums £81.1m (£68.5m) and premium income £26.05m (*£23.5m*). *Ordinary* branch business brought annual premiums of £2.96m (£2.62m) and sums of *£115.06m* (£110m).

The board believes that the aggregate market value of assets at June 30 exceeds the values they would have been shown at in the balance sheet at that date. Last year profit after tax fell from £3.95m to £3.26m, mainly because of a loss on non-life underwriting of £2.25m.

Crouch profit halved

By Fred Wilson

Reading the results of Cr
Group for the full year to M
31 shareholders might be
cused for wishing they
accepted the offer made
over a year ago of £1 a sha
cash from Metropo
Property. After yester
results, which include a s
cut in dividend and profits
share price closed at 33p.

At halftime following a 5
cent jump in taxable profi
£437,000 the board cautio
said they were looking f
similar result for the full
as in 1972-73. In the e
largely because of a £46
write-down in the value of
held for development the
term yielded only £468,00
pre-tax level, against a reco
£1m previously. So the se
half produced only £49
against £761,000.

Higher interest also playe
part in the downturn, jum
from £129,000 to £329,000. E
ings per share emerged at 5
(15.26p), and the total divic
is reduced from 5p to 3.68p
a final 2.43p.

Turnover increased f
£7.5m to £7.9m.

Weir hives off construction offshoot to Ernest Ireland

Though the exact figure will be announced when it is estab*lished, based on book value at* September 1, Weir Group, Glasgow-based, is to sell 51 per cent of the equity of its loss-making subsidiary Weir Construction to the Bath-based Ernest Ireland. The consideration will be 51 per cent of the book value of its net assets at September 1, plus an adjust*ment for the appreciation over* cost of its land bank.

Under the agreement Ernest Ireland will also have the option to acquire a further 24 per cent *within* three years. The consideration for the extra parcel, *will be struck on a similar* formula. If this option is exercised, Ernest Ireland will then have a further option to acquire the remaining 25 per cent over the following three years on the same basis. Net asset value of Weir Construc*tion at December 28 was £1.14m*, while a trading loss of £300,000 was sustained in 1973.

Higher payout Slough Estates

Following up last ye
record results, Slough Est
the industrial property gr
has pushed its interim pr
profit up 16 per cent to £2.
and there should again b
increase for the full year.

Shareholders will receiv
dividend of 0.87p, compa
with 0.83p, and it is the boa
intention to pay a higher
than the 1.45p for 1973.

ELECTROCOMPONENTS

Improving results are seen
the first six months.

Charles Roberts slides into loss

After its profits tumble last year (from *£354,000 to £40,000* pre-tax), road-and-rail vehicle builders Charles Roberts & Co has gone *into loss for the 26* weeks to March 28.

This is blamed mainly on the *under-recovery of overheads,* plus provisions against obsolete or slow-moving stocks. The latter results from the lower volume of production caused by shortages of raw materials and components. On a brighter note action already taken *is having* its effect, and the directors are confident the group is now trading profitably.

Marring this outlook, however, is the severe shortage of components, particularly chassis. But the sale in July (for £780,000 cash) of the rail wagon *manufacturing activities, and* the reduction of working capital, will greatly improve liquidity, besides *providing* a base for acquisition and internal growth.

On turnover of £2.42m against £1.19m, the trading loss for the half was £253,000 compared with a profit of £10,000, and at pre-tax, £238,000 against a profit of £33,000.

board say they are confid
that in the second half
order book will be greatly
duced and higher pro
earned. Production and tu
over in June were all-ti
records.

Mr Stewart Kennedy, chairman of Church & Co: domestic footwear business recovering.

Overseas trade helps Church

Passing £1m for the first time last year, independent high-class shoe-maker, Church & Co turns in slightly lower profits at half way this time round.

The ebb in the home trade was mitigated by buoyant conditions overseas. Now there are signs of a pick-up at home, *which with the high-grade* export sector should stand the company well for the rest of *the year.*

For the opening half of 1974, the pre-tax outturn slipped from £455,000 to £444,000 on turnover up from £5m to £5.69m, while the Attributable fell from £240,000 to £213,000. The *interim* payment is to be 1.49p (1.43p).

Mr Stewart Kennedy, who retires as chairman on December 31 (Mr J. B. Church will succeed), says that profit in the *factories and shops suffered* from the short week and high interest charges.

Sunbeam Wolsey

Costs have eroded margins at Sunbeam Wolsey, the Irish stocking and underwear group. Taxable profits are down from *£395,000 to £229,000 at half time* on sales of £7.6m, against £6.96m. Shareholders will re*ceive a dividend of 1.24p* gross (0.83p adjusted for scrip).

Vehicle for American property investment

Through its London office, Lehman Brothers, a major United States investment bank, *has launched a new unauthori*zed unit trust here called the American Prpperty Trust. The *aim is to enable* United Kingdom pension funds to invest in American property. This is the *first company designed specifi*cally to this end.

Leaderflush change

The flurry of selling to several parties of stakes in Leaderflush (Doors), with Mr C. A. Protheroe, the major *shareholders holding over* 25 per cent, and Larkfold Holdings nearly 22 per cent, culminates *in an announcement* yesterday that Mr R. A. Brough, chairman, is to retire from the board this weekend. However he will retain his interest in a consultant capacity.

Mr Protheroe will take over the chair for the present. After the sale of 35 per cent by members of the board in May 1973 to *Mr Protheroe (later reduced)*, Mr Brough and associates retained a 35 per cent holding.

Second-half slump at Audio Fidelity

Power restrictions, reduced demand for loudspeakers and a *high bad debts* reserve all contributed to a reduction by a third in the second-half profits *of Audio Fidelity, the figure* falling from £217,000 to £145,000 pre-tax.

The effect of this on the overall return is a drop of 18 per cent to £295,000 and the dividend is cut from an adjusted 3.81p to 2.98p. On the current period the directors say turnover is running well ahead, but *the outlook is generally* uncertain.

Nu-Swift boosts output but profits slip

Short-time working and materials shortages, plus an increased order intake in the half year to June 30, resulted in a further increase in unexecuted orders of Nu-Swift Industries, the portable fire extinguisher makers, from £660,000 to £1.3m. Although higher production *was authorized last March this* failed to show through into half time profits. These show a fall *from £312,000 to £290,000*, although turnover rose 30 per cent from £1.9m to £2.5m. The *interim dividend is being raised* from 0.62p to 0.71p and the

Letraset confident

Mr W. Fieldhouse, chairm
of Letraset, forecasts a furth
substantial increase in pro
this year. He says in his revi
that in an uncertain econo
climate the company's positi
is "unusually favourable".

Broadening the product ba
the increasing international c
tent of earnings and the abil
on a world scale to reco
inflationary cost increases a
all factors which can sustain t
company's progress through t
present *difficulties.*

Black Arrow on target

Against its prospectus fo
cast in March of £287,000 p
tax profit of Liverpool-ba
Black Arrow Group, forme
Blanes, turns in £303,000 pre-
for the nine months to Mar
31. Results include six mon
of Edward Electronic Holdi
(acquired from September
1973). The final dividend
1.005p net, with the increase
tax in the last Budget reduc
the payment from an expec
1.05p. In its revamped form
group takes in electrical wh
saling, office furniture a
equipment.

Ralli-Alderman

No financial details are
closed but Ralli Securi
Trust has secured a 24 per c
stake in Alderman Securi
Group. In March, directors
Alderman and C. P. Choular
sold a 10.9 per cent stake in
company to Ralli, and a 13
cent stake to Fullerton Sec
ties. The Fullerton parcel
shares has now passed to R
giving it 880,000 shares (24
cent).

July slump at Pan-Am

In the month of July
earnings of Pan-Ameri
World Airways *slumped* f
$9.4m to $446,000 (£183,0
or only one cent a sh
against 23c. Over the first se
months of the year there
been a net loss of $32
against one of $13.4m.

Shortly before the earn
announcement a block of
of the airline's shares w
handled by Merrill Lynch
$1.75, down 50 cents.

Lubok conserves

Although taxable profits
Lubok Investments in the
year to June 30 were more t
trebled from *£10,000* to £34,
the board have decided not
pay an interim dividend
again to conserve the maxim
funds.

The net asset value
share—before tax on reali
gains—on August 16 was 11.
compared with 11.34p at
December last. In May a E
dollar facility of $2.5m
obtained for portfolio inv
ment in quoted fore
securities.

Alcan Booth soars to £5.3m

The board of Alcan Booth Industries is still seeking to im*prove productivity, and* good progress has been made with interim profits — more than doubling from £2.3m to £5.3m before tax. Metal supply limitations and inflationary in*creases in costs will make the* task of improving profitability more difficult. Shortening in *order books is apparent in* some areas, but the board says that this must be considered against a shortage of raw materials.

The cost of financing is an increasing burden which requires not only all divisions of the company but also the aluminium industry generally, to bring its credit terms into line with normal commercial practice elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the company, *which is a subsidiary of Alcan* Aluminium (UK), which is controlled in turn by Al
Aluminium of Canada, has
creased its sales from £44
to £59.8m for the six month
June 30. Trading pro
amounted to £5.9m, agai
£3.08m, and taxable pro
were struck after a capital g
of £402,000 (£244,000), other
come of £149,000 (£27,000).
interest of £1.18m (£1.04
After tax, profits come out
£2.49m (£1.3m), while
attributable is £2.47m (£1.3m

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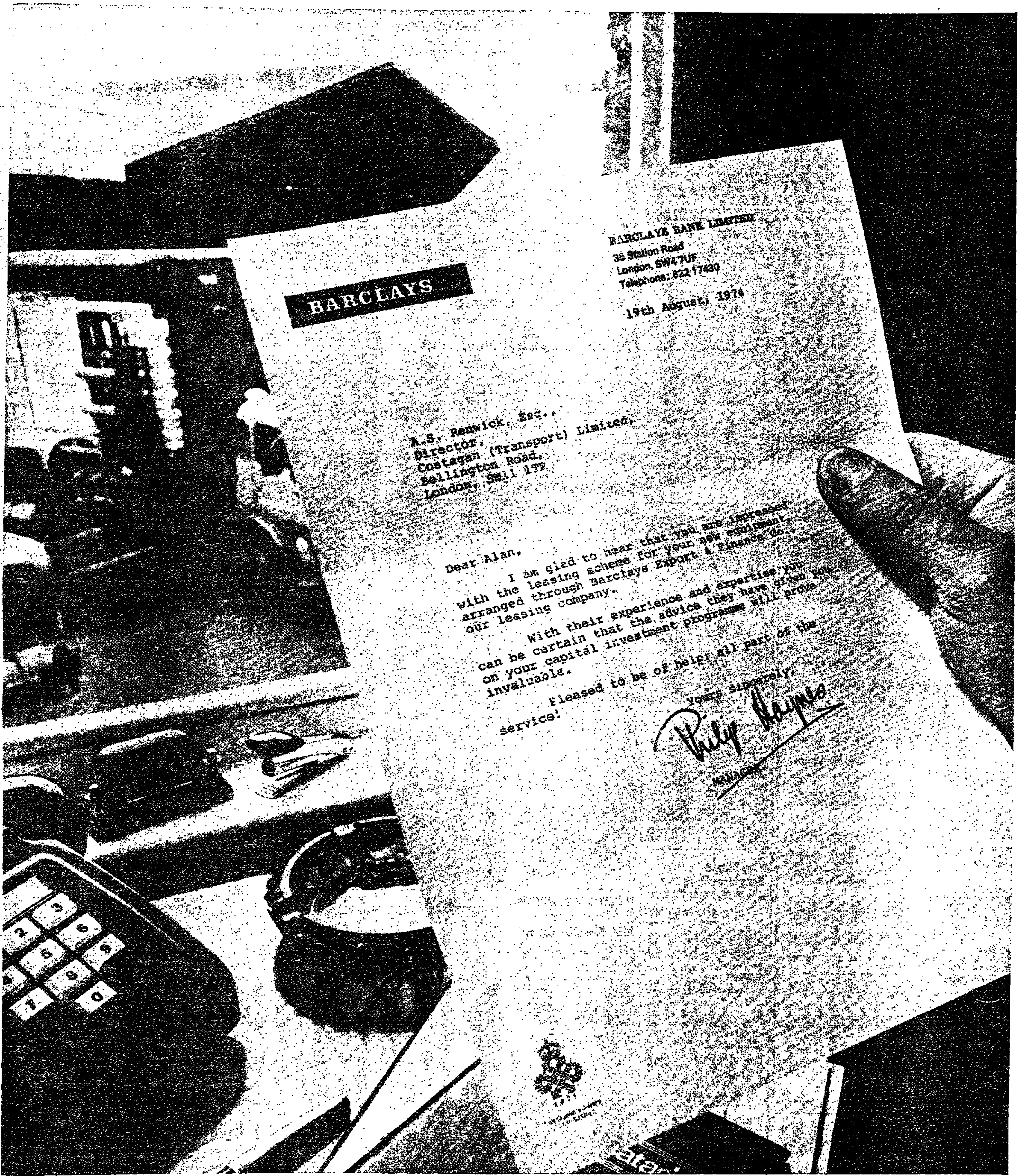

BARCLAYS

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19th August, 1974

A.S. Renwick, Esq.,
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Dear Alan,

I am glad to hear that you are impressed with the leasing scheme for your new equipment, arranged through Barclays Export & Finance Co., our leasing company.

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Yours sincerely,

Philip Haynes

MANAGER

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Nervous selling depresses shares

The fragile recovery in share prices was abruptly shattered yesterday when a strongly worded review of national economic and industrial prospects by the chairman of British American Tobacco brought on a fresh wave of nervous selling. Downward pressure was light, with the day's recorded bargains totalling only 5,106. A similar total on the previous day produced a money turnover of a mere £22.4m. But there was no recovery yesterday and dealers reported sight of some impressive lines of stock at one time.

Also upsetting yesterday's market was the overnight fall on Wall Street to a four-year low point. But all indications were that yesterday's fall reflected the still depressed mood of the market rather than any specifically new factors. By the close of business the *FT* index was 8.1 off at 212.3, and *The Times* index 2.55 down at 84.24.

Among the weak spots were **Bats** themselves, 6p down at 192p, and **ICI** (170p, after 169p), **Courtaulds** (84p), **Glaxo Group** (252p) and **Beecham Group** (168p).

With the City now beginning to expect warning signs from industry, there was selling yesterday of **AP Cements** (89p), ahead of today's interim statement, and of **Bowater** (111p) with figures due next week. *Shares in* **Pearl Assurance** *fell* 6p to 126p after the board had expressed concern for the overseas underwriting side.

On the engineering section, shares in **BLMC** fell to 8½p at first as the market digested the prospect of further lay offs because of strikes. But the shares ended at 9p, a net ½p off on the day. **Tube Investments, Hawker Siddeley** and **GKN** were all lower. One of the few excep*tions was* **Mather & Platt** *whose* half time report is due shortly.

GEC eased to 80p, but **Geo Kent** at 29p were a shade firmer with the market hoping that the board's lukewarm reception for the GEC terms would mean a disputed bid.

Consumer stocks ran into further sellers, with food shares *noticeably weak.* **Johnson Matthey**, however, stood out following good results and there was bid speculation in **H. Foster** at *92p.*

Banks, properties and credit shares all shared in the general downturn, although without *seeing much selling pressure.* Oil shares looked dull, although prices held firm after Wall Street's better start. There was further selling of gold shares.

Government bonds had a quiet session, but gave up a few of the gains of the previous day. *Dealers felt that, with stories of* the Arab investment in gilts impossible to qualify, prices would be influenced by the pro*gress of United States* bill rates.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Audio Fidelity (10p)	2.98	3.81†	25/10	2.98	3.81†
Bank of Nova Scotia Qly	33§	30§	1/11	—	106§
Church & Co (25p) Int	1.49	1.43	15/10	—	6.89
Crouch Group (25p) Fin	2.43	3.75	9/10	3.68	5.0
Rbt M. Douglas (25p) Fin	3.29	3.2	28/10	4.41	4.2
Elys (Wimbledon) (25p) Int	1.0	1.0	6/12	—	3.0
Edward Le Bas (25p) Int	1.05	0.89	4/10	—	1.83
Lindsay & Williams (25p) Int	1.49	Nil	—	—	Nil
Lion Int (25p)	6.25	6.31	—	6.25	8.81
Lon Atlntc Inv (25p) Fin	1.93†††	1.32	9/10	3.0†††	2.07
Long John Int (50p) Int	2.0	2.0	—	—	6.3
Lonrho (25p) Int	2.5	2.28†	31/10	3.64‡	4.55†
McCairns Motors (25p) Int	1.25	1.25	27/9	—	2.5
Nu-Swift Ind (5p) Int	0.71	0.62	4/10	—	1.65
Pearl Assurance (5p) Int	5.21	5.0	—	—	12.4
Scots Homes Inv (25p) Fin	0.93	0.71	—	1.46	0.71
Slough Estates (25p) Int	0.87	0.83	17/10	—	2.28
A. G. Stanley Hldgs (5p) Int	2.98	2.85	—	—	7.14
Sunbeam Wolsey (25p) Int	1.24	0.83†	4/10	—	3.33†
Trans Dev Australia Fin	4.25§	—	23/10	8.0§	7.0§
Vantage Securities (10p) Int	0.16	0.11	—	—	—

† Adjusted for scrip. ‡ To date. †† Correction. § Cents a share. ††† For 15 months.

WITBANK COLLIERY LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DIVIDEND NO. 136

Further to the dividend notice advertised in the press on the 13th August, 1974 the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the abovementioned dividend is £1=R1.60990 equivalent to 7.14330p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 15 per cent.

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Charter Consolidated Limited,
40, Holborn Viaduct, EC1P 1AJ.

Share transfer office of the London Secretaries :
Kent House, Station Road,
Ashford, Kent, TN23 1QB.

27th August, 1974

Mining

Mary Kathleen underwritten

The Australian Government has now told Mary Kathleen Uranium that it will underwrite *the forthcoming rights issue on* normal terms, and take up any shares not subscribed for by shareholders.

What has prevented a normal commercial underwriting and the obtaining of other funds include the difficulties in revising existing sales contracts, the impact of inflation on recommissioning the mine and the unknown effects of the proposed increase in the Queensland royalty taxes.

Mary Kathleen, which is 51 *per cent owned by Conzinc Rio*tinto of Australia, has reserves of around 7,000 tonnes of uranium. Some 4,800 tonnes are already *presold but the* Government has placed an embargo on any contracts covering the remainder of the reserves.

RTZ raises stake in Brinco

Rio Tinto-Zinc raised its holding in Brinco through market purchases last month at a price of $4.99 a share, *according to* an insider trading report filed with the Ontario Securities Commission. The 909,767 shares acquired increase RTZ's stake in Brinco to 12.1m shares, equivalent to 49 per cent of the equity.

Cons Gold Australia

Earnings for the year to end-June at Consolidated Gold Fields of Australia at $7.28m show little change on those of the previous year, following an alteration in accounting policy. Under the new system, all items are taken through profit and loss rather than taking exceptionals to reserves.

The pre-tax profit rose from $15.8m (restated) *to $24.7m,* but tax was a good $3m up at $13.5m while minorities jumped $3m to $6.18m. The dividend total for the year has been reduced from 15½c to 14½c a share.

Foreign Exchange

Pound gains against dollar

The dollar weakened against all currencies as soon as New York came into the market yesterday. The pound gained ground, not only against the dollar, but against most currencies, helped by official denials that loans from Kuwait were being *sought.*

Discount market

The Bank of England offset a liquidity shortage in the discount market yesterday by buying a small amount of Treasury bills direct from discount houses.

NORSK HYDRO

For year to June 30 operating profit up from 174m kroner to 235m kroner (£18m) from sales of 3,201m kroner, including 1,047m kroner from new companies in group. Dividend 7.2 kroner, against 4.8 kroner.

ASSOC TOOLING

Mr A. Pratt, chairman, says interim profits should show "substantial" advance.

Eurobond prices Midday indicators

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
[illegible] 8¼ 1988	78	80
American Motors 9 1980	84	86
Anglo-American 7¾ 1987	87	89
Amianc 8 1987	81	82
Austroswiss 8 1987	79	80
BICC 7¾ 1987	64	66
Bluebell 7¾ 1987	70	72
Bristol 8¾ 1979	85	86
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	80½	82½
Burlington 7¾ 1987	79	80
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	67	69
Carrier 8 1987	79½	80½
Colombia 8¼ 1988	82	84
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	78½	79½
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾ 1987	78½	80
Coventry 8¾ 1981	86	88
Coventry 8¼ 1980	82	84
Curracao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	84	85
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	82½	83½
Dana 8 1987	80½	81½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	78½	79½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	75½	76½
Dunlop 9¼ 1985	88	90
Escom 9¾ 1989	90	92
EIB 8¾ 1988	84½	86½
Eurofima 8¾ 1989	84½	86½
First Chicago 7 1980	85½	86½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	79	83
Fisons 8¾ 1987	71	73
GATX 8¼ 1987	80	81
General Cables 8¼ 1987	73	75
Guardian Royal 8 1987	73	75
GHH 7¾ 1988	76	77
Hambros 7¾ 1987	71	73
Hammersly 8 1987	72	74
Hilton 7¾ 1987	54	58
ICI 7¾ 1992	71½	72½
Interntl Util 8¾ 1982	82	83½
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	73½	74½
Lancashire 9¾ 1981	90	92
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71½	73½
Manchester 8¼ 1981	82	84
Mexico 8¾ 1991	77	80
Michelin 7¾ 1988	75½	77
Mitsubishi 9 1980	92	93½
Motorola 8 1987	85	86
Nat & Grind 7¾ 1987	72	74
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	80½	82½
Norges Komm 7¾ 1990	78	79
N A Rockwell 7¾ 1979	92	93
N A Rockwell 8¾ 1987	80	81
Nottingham 8¾ 1979	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	80½	81½
Pennwalt 8 1987	81½	82½
Quebec Hydro 8¾ 1989	89	91
Quebec (Prov) 7¾ 1988	78	79
Queensland 8¾ 1987	81½	83½
Ralston 7¾ 1987	80½	81½
RHM 8 1988	70½	72½
SAS 8 1987	79½	80½
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	79	80
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	87½	88½
Shell 7¾ 1987	80½	81½
Singapore 7¾ 1987	75	—
Slough 8 1988	57	63
South Africa 8 1987	—	80
SIB 7¾ 1987	76½	79½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	91½	92½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	90	91
Studdard Oil 8¾ 1988	91½	92½
Sybron 8 1987	80½	81½
Tenneco 7¾ 1979	85	86
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	73½	74½
Textron 7¾ 1987	73	73
Town & City 8 1988	57	62
Trans Gulf 7¾ 1987	81½	82½
Union Oil 7 1979	88½	89½
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	80	81
UDT 8¾ 1988	64	67
Utah 7¾ 1979	87½	89½
Utah 8 1987	80	
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	90	
Volvo 8 1987	80	
Wellcome 8¼ 1987	98	
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	74½	

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid
AMF 5 1987	50
Alaska Int 6 1987	38
American Exp 4¼ 1987	64
American Motors 6 1993	70
American Med 6½ 1992	32
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	64
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	85½
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	71
Borden 5 1992	68
Borden 6½ 1991	83
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	61
Carnation 4 1987	62
Cummins 6¾ 1986	75
Damon 5¾ 1987	40
Dart 4¾ 1987	83
E Asia Navim 6½ 1989	60
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	75
Eaton 5 1987	62
Ford 5 1988	66
Ford 6 1986	73
Fedders 5 1992	32
Gillette 4¾ 1987	65
Gould 5 1987	66
General Electric 4¼ 1987	71
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	98½
Harris 5 1993	54
Honeywell 6 1986	69
Hongkong Land C 7¾	
ITT 4½ 1987	60
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	67
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	97
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	91
Mohasco 5 1987	53
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	65
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	76
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	72
Revlon 4¾ 1987	73½
Ramada 6¾ 1986	46
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	43
Sime Darby 5¾ 1988	50
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	71
Slater Walker 5¾ 1987	50
Southland 5 1987	59
Squibb 4¾ 1987	67
United Overseas Bank 6½ 1988	60
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1988	64
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	67
Xerox Corp 5 1988	70½
NON-$ BONDS	**Bid**
BASF (FF) 7¾ 1987	65
Bass (FF) 7¾ 1987	58
Bel Int Fin (FF) 7¾ 1987	60
Brascan (DM) 8¾ 1988	82
BLMC (FF) 7¾ 1987	58
Charter (FF) 7¾ 1987	56
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	72½
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	79½
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	96½
Denmark (FF) 7¾ 1988	67½
EIB (FF) 7¾ 1988	63
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	67½
Estel (DM) 7¾ 1988	82
Goodyear (DM) 6½ 1972/87	79
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	84½
Lafarge (FF) 7¾ 1987	65
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	81½
Occidental (DM) 6¾ 1969/76	92½
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	85½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	83
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1993	73½
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8¾ 1988	90

DM=Deutschmark issue. FF=F Franc issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Secu *London.*

EDWARD LE BAS LIMITED

STATEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS

I am pleased to report an increase in operating results of 10%. Bearing in mind the three day week and difficulty in acquiring raw material which we have experienced throughout the group, this is a satisfactory result.

The Construction Equipment Division has continued to produce good profits and is well placed with full-order books. However, the availability of steel in the second half of the year could hinder our progress. Safety and Relief Valves have shown a marked improvement in their incoming orders; Foundry Supplies are producing good results and the value of orders received continues to be satisfactory. Agricultural Engineering has again produced good results, whilst system built bungalows suffered from bad weather conditions early in the year but has now completed a reasonable number of units.

Profits for 1974 are expected to be in line with 1973.

It is proposed to pay an interim dividend of 0.707p per share on 4th October, 1974. This represents approximately 50% of the maximum dividend for the year which can be paid under present government restrictions.

A. R. B. Burrows, Chairman.

Interim Results—subject to audit

	Full Year 1973 £	Half Year to 30th June 1973 £	1974 £
Sales			
Foundation and construction equipment	4,962,000	2,130,000	2,750,000
Safety and relief valves, electric vehicles and foundry supplies	2,405,000	1,198,000	1,293,000
Agricultural Engineering and system building	2,577,000	1,407,000	1,552,000
Steel Sheet Piling	429,000	429,000	—
	10,373,000	5,164,000	5,595,000
Group Profit before taxation, extraordinary items and interest	579,352	310,000	342,000
Interest payable			
Bank	19,214	5,000	28,000
Loan Stocks	86,857	43,000	43,000
	106,071	48,000	71,000
Group Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	473,281	262,000	271,000
Taxation	237,097	118,000	141,000
Minority Interests	19,883	9,000	8,000
	256,980	127,000	149,000
Group Profit before extraordinary items	216,301	135,000	122,000
Extraordinary items	22,016	—	—
Leaving Available for distribution	194,285	135,000	122,000
Preference dividend	10,500	5,250	5,250
Suggested *interim* dividend of 0.707p per share	29,437	14,625	16,544
Profits retained	154,348	115,125	100,206
Earnings per ordinary share:			
Issued (2,340,000)	8.79p*	5.54p	4.99p
Fully diluted (3,683,233—1974) (3,686,627—1973)	6.14p*	3.82p	3.44p

*Excluding Extraordinary items.

John C. Small & Tidmas Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT

For the half year ended 30th June 1974

Once again the Directors are pleased to report an increase in both turnover and trading profit, compared with the corresponding period of 1973, together with an increase on the interim dividend.

The Unaudited Results with comparative figures for the previous periods, are :—

1974 Half year to 30th June £		1973 Half year to 30th June £	Year to 31st December £
1,113,000	Turnover	924,000	1,927,434
107,000	Trading profit before taxation	73,000	194,207
58,000	Less Taxation	32,000	91,493
49,000	Profit after taxation	41,000	102,714
3,150	Less Preference dividends	3,825	6,975
45,850	Attributable to ordinary shareholders	37,175	95,739
7.6p	Earnings per ordinary share of 25p	6.2p	16.0p

Interim Dividend

Following the recent easing of dividend restrictions, the Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 2.262p per share: 9.048% (1973 2.1p: 8.4%) the maximum increase permitted.

Scrip Issue

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on 23rd September to approve a one for one capitalisation issue of ordinary shares.

The meeting will also be asked to approve an increase in borrowing powers for additional overdraft facilities arranged to cover repayment of the £150,000 Preference Shares and capital projects including the completion of the new knitting shop at the Chard factory and additional working capital for expansion.

Future Prospects

Whilst the profit for the half year shows a marked increase, it is anticipated that earnings will be more evenly distributed than in previous years, leading to total results for the year which, given reasonable trading conditions, particularly in our growing export markets, should be in excess of those for 1973.

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 117.14 on August 27 against 120.54 adjusted a week *earlier.*

COSALT—ORBIT

Hedderwick Borthwick Grumbar *have carried out following bargains* on behalf of associates of Cosalt and Orbit:—On August 22 sold 62,000 Orbit at 25p; August 23, bought 62,000 Orbit at 25 3/32p. August 27, sold 412,000 Orbit at 25p and on August 28 bought 412,000 Orbit at 25 1-16.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 28	Market rates (close) August 28
New York	$2.3085-3200	$2.3190-3200
Montreal	$2.2735-2915	$2.2905-2915
Amsterdam	6.26-29fl	6.28-29fl
Brussels	90.70-91.30f	91.00-20f
Copenhagen	14.15-21k	14.19½-20½k
Frankfurt	6.15-17m	6.16-17m
Lisbon	59.40-60.00e	59.70-60.00e
Madrid	132.90-133.90p	133.60-90p
Milan	1522-34lr	1533-34lr
Oslo	12.85-88½k	12.86-88k
Paris	11.14-18f	11.17-18f
Stockholm	10.37-39k	10.38-39k
Tokyo	696-705y	700-02y
Vienna	43.30-60sch	43.55-75sch
Zurich	6.95-98f	6.96½-97½f

Forward Levels

	1 month	*3 months*
New York	.25-.15c prem	1.20-1.10c prem
Montreal	.50-.40c prem	2.30-2.15c prem
Amsterdam	2¾-1¾c prem	7¾-6¾c prem
Brussels	15c prem-5c disc	60-40c prem
Copenhagen	1¼ö prem-1¾ö disc	3¼-1¼ö prem
Frankfurt	3¾-1¾pf prem	10¼-9¼pf prem
Lisbon	125c prem-50c disc	150c prem-150c disc
Milan	8-13lr disc	28-35lr disc
Oslo	2¾ö prem-¼ö disc	6¾-5¾ö prem
Paris	2¾-5¾c disc	6¾-8¾c disc
Stockholm	30 prem-par	6-35 prem
Vienna	40-10gro prem	80-50gro prem
Zurich	1¾-¼c prem	8¾-7¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against United States dollar) $1.0121-24.

Eurodollar deposit calls: 11-11½; seven days, 11¼-11¾; one month, 11¾-12¼; three months, 13¾-14¼; six months, 13¾-14¼. Gold: am, $154.90; pm, $154.35.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 28.08.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959) —

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	84.24	10.48	20.86	86.79
Largest Cors.	83.96	10.47	20.88	86.74
Smaller Cors.	85.12	10.53	21.78	86.96
Capital Goods	86.26	10.53	22.05	88.72
Consumer Goods	97.06	10.02	20.99	100.13
Store Shares	74.31	11.25	14.46	76.97
Largest financial shares	112.05	8.18	—	115.80
Largest financial and industrial shares	89.31	10.03	—	92.23
Commodity shares	184.25	6.23	13.76	189.81
Gold Mining shares	513.40	5.54	7.04	521.95
Industrial debenture stocks	70.94	9.92*	—	70.87
Industrial preference stocks	48.08	14.42*	—	48.06
3½% War Loan	23	15.72*	—	23¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	62.44 (16.07.59)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	80.11 (19.08.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.45 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)
1969	171.95 (31.01.69)	122.98 (28.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1964 base date. * Flat interest yield.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 24.5.74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 9 Close 11¼
Week Fixed: 10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅜	2 months	10⅞
3 months	11⅜	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	12⅜-12¼	3 months	13¼-12¾
3 months	12⅜-12¼	4 months	13¼-12¾
4 months	13-12⅝	6 months	13¾-13¼
6 months	13¼-12¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⁹⁄₁₆	7 months	13¾-13½
2 months	12⅛-12	8 months	13⅞-13⅝
3 months	12¹⁵⁄₁₆-12⅝	9 months	13¹⁵⁄₁₆-13¹¹⁄₁₆
4 months	12¹⁵⁄₁₆-12¹¹⁄₁₆	10 months	14⅛-13¹⁵⁄₁₆
5 months	13⅛-13⅜	11 months	14⅛-13¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 months	13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁵⁄₁₆	12 months	14⅛-13¹⁵⁄₁₆

Secondary Mkt. LCD Rates (%)

1 month	12⅛-11⅞	6 months	12⅞-11⅞
3 months	12⅞-11⅞	12 months	14-13½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10⅝	3 months	12⅞-12⅝
7 days	11¼	*6 months*	*13-13¼*
1 month	11½	1 year	14⅛-14¹⁵⁄₁₆

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 11⅛		Close 10½-11	
1 week	10½	6 months	12⅞-13¼
1 month	11⅞	*9 months*	13⅞-13½
3 months	12⅞-12½	12 months	14

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months	12⅝	6 months	13⅛

Finance House Base Rate 13½

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Ag Mort 13¾% 1984 (£99½)	£92-¾*
Brent Walker 5p Ord	33-1
Fince for Ind 14% (£96¾a)	£20½
York Wtr 10% Prd Pf	£100

RIGHTS ISSUE	Latest date of renun	
Bank Alpnolim (15a)	*	£30
Plantation Hldgs (10)	Sept 4	3½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. a £20 paid.

Commodities

Sugar closes £4.20 higher

SUGAR advanced steadily yesterday afternoon in a fairly active two-way trade, but did not fully reflect the sharp rise of the New York market.

Dealers felt that sentiment continued to be aided by the prospect *of good prices being paid at this* week's United States quota tenders in Brazil, Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

At the close, values were £2.30 to £4.20 higher on balance and sales were boosted by jobbing and switching operations to 5,195 lots.

The London daily price was unchanged at £340 a long ton yesterday. Futures held in a comparatively narrow trading range yesterday morning with profit-taking and some trade selling initially depressing values before mixed buying and covering reversed the trend.

At the end of the *session,* prices were £1 below to £2 above Tuesday's 5 pm levels. Sales totalled 2,828 lots.

Oct, £339.75-40.00 a long ton; Dec, £313.75-3.90; March, £291.00-1.10; May, £274.35-4.50; Aug, £253.00-3.25; Oct, £236.50-7.00; Dec, £236.00-6.25. ISA prices, 33.62c a lb; 17-day average, 30.25c.

COPPER.—Cash wire bars fell by £4 yesterday and three months by £5.25. Cash cathodes *were £3.50 lower* while three months declined £4.50.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £737-39 a metric ton; three months, £757-57.50. Sales, 3,225 tons. Cash cathodes, £715-17.00; three months, £735-38. Sales, 35 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £730-31; three months, £750-53. Settlement, £731. Sales, 4,425 tons. Cash cathodes, £709-10; three months, £728-29. Settlement, £710. Sales, 450 tons.

SILVER closed steadier yesterday after being easier. Bullion market (fixing *levels*).—*Spot* 180.4 a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 417.2); three months, 185.9p (427.7c); six months, 193.4p (440.8c); one-year, 205.4p (458.0c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 178.5-9.5p; three months, 183.7-4.0p; seven months, 192-3.5p. Sales, 136 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 179.8-180.2p; three months, 185-5.2p; seven months, 194-6.0p. Settlement, 180.2p. Sales, 40 lots.

TIN.—Standard, for cash, was £12.50 higher yesterday, while three months fell by £10. High-grade (three months) was £12.50 cheaper.

Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,835-45 a metric ton; three months, £3,675-80. Sales, 160 tons. High grade, three months, £3,700-15. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,835-45; three months, £3,677-85. Settlement, £3,845. Sales, 575 tons. High grade, three months, £3,700-10. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,207½ a picul.

LEAD.—Cash metal was unchanged yesterday, while three months was 75p cheaper.—Afternoon.—Cash, £234-34.50 a metric ton; *three* months, £229.50-230. Sales, 100 tons. Morning.—Cash, £234-34.50; three months, £229-29.50. Settlement, £234.50. Sales, 1,150 tons.

ZINC.—Cash metal declined by £11.50 and *three months by £9.50.*—Afternoon.—Cash, £427-28 a metric ton; three months, £439-40.00. Sales, 1,075 tons. Morning.—Cash, £425-24; three months, £436-37. Settlement, £424. Sales, 3,150 tons. Producers' price, £550 a metric ton. All afternoon *metal prices are unofficial.*

PLATINUM closed unchanged yesterday at £77.25-79.25 ($179-184) a troy ounce.

RUBBER lost further ground in the absence of any noteworthy consumer offtake yesterday. Dealers said that despite official support for RSS threes, an extended after-hours decline in the East, taking Singapore levels fully five cents lower for nearly top sheets, left London buyers once again on the defensive.

Industrial and *economic* setbacks were cited as significant factors in the continued decline, while holidays were still a reckoning force, dealers said.

The settlement house (or landed) market was featured by last-minute squaring and tidying of books prior to *its demise yesterday (the London mar*ket will be without a futures hedging facility during the next two days in preparation for next Monday's opening in the new open outcry terminal market).

The official tone was quiet. Cif's finished an average 0.50 pence per kilo lower on balance, while losses in landed ranged from 0.35 pence to 1.50 pence.

RUBBER.—Cif's Malayan No 1 RSS.—Sept, 29.75-30.25p per kilo; Oct, 30.00-*25p. Spot:* 29.00-30.00p. *Settlements*: Oct, 29.75-30.25p; Nov, 29.75-30.25p; Oct-Dec, 29.75-30.25p; Jan-March, 31.00-50p; April-June, 31.25-50p; July-Sept, 31.50-75p; Oct-Dec, 31.75-32.00p; Jan-March, 32.00-50p; April-June, 33.00-50p.

WOOL closed steady yesterday.—Oct, 170.0-185.0p; Dec and March, 175.0-185.0p; May, July, Oct, Dec, 170.0-185.0p. Sales, one lot.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Aug-Sept-Oct, £188.75 nominal; *Bangladesh white* "D" grade, Aug-Sept-Oct, £178.75 nominal a long ton. **CALCUTTA** strong.—Indian, Aug, Rs 460; Dund 'o Dalsee, Aug, Rs 415 a bale of 400lb.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 26.0-30.0p a lb; Eire forequarters, 16.0-18.0p; Argentine *chilled* boneless cuts: strip loins, 74.0-80.0p; rumps, 64.0-70.0p; top sides, 52.0-55.0p; silversides, 46.0-51.0p; thicks, 46.0-50.0p. VEAL: English fats (special quotation, 35p), 28.0-32.0p; Scotch bobbies, 4.0-6.0p; Dutch (hinds & ends), 38.0-42.0p. LAMB: English small, 24.0-28.0p; English medium, 22.0-24.0p; English heavy, 19.0-21.0p; Scotch medium, 20.0-24.0p; Scotch heavy, 18.0-21.0p; Scotch hill (special quotation, 28p), 20.0-26.0p. Imported frozen New Zealand D's, 25.5-26.0p; 2's, 24.0-25.0p; 8's, 21.5-23.0p; YLs, 22.0-23.0p; YMs, 23.0-25.8p. PORK: English, under 100lb, 17.5-23.0p; 100-120lb, 18.0-22.0p; 120-160lb, 18.0-21.5p; 160-180lb, 17.5-19.5p; 180lb and over, 17.0-19.0p.

COFFEE.—During the afternoon, robusta terminal dipped sharply under fairly aggressive liquidation and profit-taking induced by limit-down on United States futures. Market closed steady at £19.0 to £22.0 lower in sales of 1,838 lots. Arabica terminal continued to lose ground and closed 220 to 465 points down on balance in a turnover of 35 *lots.*

Robustas.—Sept, £450.5-1.0 a long ton; Nov, £460.5-1.0; Jan, £464.0-65.0; March, £469.0-70.5; May, £472.0-73.0; July, £475.0-75.5; Sept, £475.5-79.0.

Arabicas.—Aug, $65.60-66.50 per 50 kilos; Oct, $68.00-69.00; Dec, $69.00-50; Feb, $69.00-50; *April,* $69.10-70.00; June, $69.00-70.00; Aug, $69.00-70.00.

COCOA.—Terminal levels declined fairly consistently in the afternoon under renewed long-liquidation and occasional stop-loss selling. Sterling's eventual recovery was cited as a possible factor.

Trade price-fixing provided some underlying support at the scale-down and involved some sizable block deals, sources reported. Jobber short-covering was evident at the close, but several *positions closed at the lows for the day.* The tone was easy.

On balance, losses ranged from £15.50 (nearby Sept) to £8.00 a tonne.

Sept, £735.0-6.0 a metric ton; Dec, £749.0-50.0; Mch, £705.5-5.0; May, £665.0-5.5; July, £630.0-45.0; Sept, £619.0-20.0. ICO prices, daily, 73.58c; 15-day average, 75.25c; 22-day average, 75.08c.

THE BALTIC.—Business remained quiet with traders generally sidelined due to uncertainties surrounding United *States markets.*

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. Barley steady. Sept, £57.50; Nov, £60.50; Jan, £63.10; March, £65.50; May, £66.90. WHEAT, steady.—Sept, £59.15; Nov, £62.05; Jan, £64.75; Mch, £66.65; May, £68.65.

MARK LANE.—Prices tended to move a fraction lower yesterday but the volume of offerings was light with farmers tending to withhold forward positions. Sept deliveries of Hagburg milling wheat traded to the London area at £60.50 and £60 a long ton while Oct-Dec made £60.50. Other business included spot deliveries of dng wheat at £57 a long ton and Oct-Dec deliveries of feed barley at £60.75.

The following are average sellers' quotations, per long ton, for delivery to the London area. WHEAT.—Hagburg milling Sept £60.50; Nov-Dec, £65.50 dnq spot £57 Oct-Dec £61 barley-feed Oct-Dec £60.75; oats unquoted.

COVENT GARDEN.—*Home Produce*.—Lettuce: per 12 round, £0.50, cos £0.70. Tomatoes: per 12 lb, £1.00-1.20. Runner beans: per lb stick, £0.04-0.06. Mushrooms, per lb, £0.20. Cauliflowers, per 12, £1.00-1.20. Cabbage: primo, per bag, £0.40. Celery: per 12, £0.60; 15, £0.70; 20 prepacked £0.90-1.00. Beetroot: per 28 lb new crop, £0.70. Cucumbers: per 10, £1.20; 12, £1.30; 14, £1.40; 16, £1.50. Potatoes: per 56 lb, £0.70-0.80. Apples: per 30 lb Grenadier, £1.00-1.20; Bramley's, £1.80-2.00; per lb Tydeman's, £0.05-0.06; Discovery, £0.08-0.12; Miller's, £0.04-0.06; Derby's, 30 lb, £1.20. Plums: per 12 lb, Czars, £0.70. Pershore, £0.80; Victorias, £1.20-1.40.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 28.—The New York stock market closed mostly lower today showing little reaction to President Ford's first news conference remarks when he flatly ruled out any new wage and price controls.

The Dow Jones industrial averages slipped 4.93 points to 666.61. Declining issues led gainers by about 915 to 47. Volume totalled 16,670,000 shares compared with 12,970,000 shares yesterday.

NY Silver gains 12c

New York, Aug 28.—A technical rally aided by late strength in Chicago Grains and spurred by stop loss short covering turned COMEX SILVER futures around from a 12 cent early loss to a net gain of 12.3 to 10.6 cents Sept, 427.30c; Oct, 432.00c; Dec, 442.00c; Jan, 446.00c; March, 454.00c; May, 461.20c; July, 467.90c; Sept, 474.60c; Dec, 484.30c. Handy and Harman *$412.5 (previous $419.5). Handy and* Harman of Canada: Can$4.082 (previous Can$4.156).

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 10 and 30 points up on 1,191 lots. Sept, 75.00c; Oct, 75.70c; Dec, 76.90c; Jan, 77.30c; March, 78.30c; May, 79.00c; July, 79.70c; Sept, 80.40c.

SUGAR.—World Sugar futures in No 11 contract finished with limit gains of 1.00 cent on what appeared as heavy price fixing for Japanese account. Sept, 36.00-50c; Oct, 34.20c bid; *Jan,* 30.90c nominal; March, 29.10c; May, 27.12c; July, 25.35c; Sept, 23.60c bid; Oct, 22.79c bid. Spot 3.530 unchanged.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract remained depressed at the two cent limit decline during the afternoon. The Spot September closed 2.25 cents off at 68.50 cents a lb, and all other months two cents down on the day. Sept, 68.50c; Nov, 62.25c asked; Dec, 62.10c asked; March, 60.65c asked; May, 60.65c asked; July 60.65c asked.

COCOA futures went through another uneventful session to close about 1.50 to 1.75 cents lower on commission house liquidation and stop loss selling. Sept, 85.00c; Dec, 76.85c; March, 71.15c; May, 67.15c; Sept, 60.75c; *Dec, 58.50c. Spots: Ghana* 105½c; Bahia 90½c.

COTTON futures closed about 0.35 to 0.70 cents higher on scattered commission house covering primed partly by talk that hurricane Becky was a threat to the cottonbelt. Oct, 49.40-20c; Dec, 49.75c; March, 51.50c; May, 52.00c; July, 53.70c bid; Oct, 54.20c bid; Dec, 54.75c bid.

WOOL futures closed 9.0 to 10.0 cents higher, the limit. Crossbred futures *were mostly featureless.*

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—The soyabean complex finished with limit gains today on buy recommendations in case of possible early frost damage to the crop with short profit taking after re*cent declines hiding the advance.* **SOYABEANS.**—Sept, 747c bid; Nov, 746½-¾c bid; Jan, 750½c bid; March, 756-56c bid; May, 760c bid; July, 760c bid; Aug, 756c nominal; Feb, 755c nominal. **SOYABEAN MEAL.**—Sept, $153.50 bid; Oct, $160.70 bid; Dec, $167.50-7.50 bid; Jan, $170.50-1.00; March, $173.70 bid; May, $174.80; July, $176.00 bid.

SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept, 36.30-20c; Oct, 35.15-35.00c; Dec, 33.42-42c bid; Jan, 33.00c bid; March, 32.70c bid; May, 32.25-25c bid; July, 31.70-95c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—Wheat closed firm six to eight cents higher. Sept, 432-451c; Dec, 446-444c; March, 457-456c; May, 450c; July, 450c. MAIZE closed firm four to 7½ cents higher. Sept, 363-353c; Dec, 348½-350c; March, 356-358c; May, 359-358c; July, 358c. OATS closed firm eight to three cents higher. Sept, 160-160½c; Dec, 160-161c; March, 167-166c; May, 169c.

	Aug 28	Aug 27		Aug 28	Aug 27
Allied Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen. Instr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	2	2	Gen. Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen. Motors	[illegible]	38
Alcoa	41	[illegible]	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	10	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	36	Gen. Tel. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen. Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]	Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	30	[illegible]	Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	18	[illegible]	Getty Oil	102	[illegible]
Am. Can	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodyear	14	[illegible]
Am. Home	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gould Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]	Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	Grant W T	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Am. Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]	Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Grumman Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	13	13	Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	18	[illegible]	*Gulf Wn. Ind.*	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	22	[illegible]	Heinz, H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	18	Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	4	Illinois Cent Ind	14	[illegible]
Avon Prod	[illegible]	24	Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	15	Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	I B M	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	25	Int. Nickel	26	[illegible]
Beat Fds	[illegible]	[illegible]	Int. Paper	40	[illegible]
Beck. Dick	[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Tel Tel.	18	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]	*Jim Walter*	15	[illegible]
Beth Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Johns Manv	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	18	[illegible]	Johnson & John	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kaiser Alum	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kennecott	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Kimb Clk.	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]	Liggt. Myer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]	L.T.V	9	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]	Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	[illegible]	13	Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	45	Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	Magnavox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	12	[illegible]	Manuf Hanover	22	[illegible]
Charter N.Y	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]	Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Marcor Inc	19	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]	*Marine Mid*	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Con Edison	7	[illegible]	NCR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	[illegible]	15	NL Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat. Bisc.	25	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat. Distill.	13	[illegible]
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Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]	NW Bancor	27	[illegible]
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Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]	Olin Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pac. Gas. El.	19	[illegible]
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Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]	Penn. Cent	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Dow Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pepsico	42	[illegible]
Dresser Ind.	[illegible]	36	Pet Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	*Pfizer*	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	113	[illegible]	Phelps Dod	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]	Philip Mor	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Equitable Life	[illegible]	[illegible]	Proc. Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub. Ser El & Gas	12	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pullman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rapid American	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	14	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Nt. Boston	24	[illegible]	Repub. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
G.A.F. Corp.	[illegible]	7	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Dynam	[illegible]	[illegible]	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	St Regis	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schering Plough	50	[illegible]
Schlumbgr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	11	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roe.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

● Ex Div. a Asked c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed n New Issue p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3185 ($2.3105); three months, $2.3070 ($2.2985); Canadian dollar, 101.24c (101.51c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index was up 2.29 to 366.18. The futures index was up 2.11 to 337.29.

The Dow Jones averages.—Indus- [illegible]

Briefly

SCOTTISH AMICABLE

Scottish Amicable Life say from October 1 rate of terminal bonus on "with profits" policies payable by death, maturity or pension date cut from 1 per cent to 0.8 per cent of sum payable for each qualifying year.

COOPER INDUSTRIES

Chairman says current year has started well and all companies except those in building activities are showing better results than those of previous year.

BUTTERFIELD-HARVEY

Mr S. Roberts, chairman, said at meeting record first quarter profits expected. Business at "substantially improved" level.

JOSEPH WEBB

Last term pre-tax down from £296,000 to £253,000 after interest paid of £221,000 (£134,000). Turnover £1.37m (£1.34m) with dividend of 1.09p (1.05p).

PRESTIGE GROUP

American Home Products Corp, which owns about 72 per cent of equity, has acquired a further 90,000 shares.

DUNFORD & ELLIOTT

First stage of internal merger on September 28 with integration of Rotherham-Tinsley Steel and Dunford Hadfields. Further integration with Brown Bayley Steels will take place as soon as possible—after end of next financial year.

ELYS (WIMBLEDON)

Pretax profit for half year to July 27, £19,000 (£32,000) after interest £60,000 (£45,000). Earnings a share, 0.78p (1.41p); interim dividend, 1p (same).

EDWARD LE BAS

Profit for half year to June 30, £342,000 (£310,000) before interest of *£71,000 (£48,000)* and tax of £141,000 (£118,000). Earnings a share fully diluted 3.44p (3.82p); interim dividend, 1.05p (0.89p).

LINDSAY & WILLIAMS

For half year to June 30 pretax profit £93,000 (£50,800) and net profit £44,600 (£35,700) to which *is added extraordinary items of* £28,800 (£2,000). Interim dividend 1.49p (last payment 2p for whole of 1969).

LONDON ATLANTIC INV

Net revenue after tax for 15 month period £287,000 (£155,600 adjusting to comparable basis). Net *asset value per share 39.8p (67.5p)* at April 5, 1973. Final dividend, 1.93p making 3p for period (2.07p).

AG STANLEY HOLDINGS

Taxable profits for half year to June 30, £259,000 (£226,000); interim dividend, 2.98p (2.85p):

GOWAN DE GROOT

Mr Derrick Cowan says g *was never in stronger fina* position. On long-term arra ments with County Bank he nowledges bank's help, particu on expansion programme.

YORKSHIRE BANK

In 12 months to June 30 dep up by £24.6m to *£242m and resources to £274m. Capital* reserves rose from £30.7m £32.5m. Issued capital raised £7m to £12m last November capitalizing part of reserves.

KURIL—GRAND CENTRAL

As result of offer Kuril ras per cent of GC including sh already owned. Offer remains until September 10.

EDBRO

Mr Eric Tonge writes in re *that if present legislation contir* future investment will need to scrutinized more carefully. He confident group will continue increase sales in Europe.

UTD PLANTATIONS

Unprecedented rise in wo commodity prices, aided by spe lative forces and better crops to a profit rise of 250 per cent $M4.78m for first half.

CHUBWA TEA

Good start made to 1974 sea with crops of all three est ahead of 1973 and mar buoyant.

COMBINED ENGLISH STORE

Discussions which may lead an offer for company are conti ing, and a further announcem will be made next week.

F. W. WOOLWORTH (US)

Second quarter profits slip from $13.68m to $11.49m on s $1,010.5m ($884.8m). Interim fits, $20.26m ($27.5m) on s $1,880.6m ($1,643.1m).

PROVINCIAL LAUNDRIES

Turnover for half year, £400, (against £259,000); taxable pro £62,000 (£27,000). Earnings share, 0.66p (0.36p).

BRAITHWAITE & CO.

Order books substantially fi for some time ahead and reasona number of heavier enginee projects coming forward tender.

INSULINDE-WOODEND

Offer by Woodend rejected Insulinde. Woodend has 33.8 cent and offer closes on Frida

LAND INVESTORS

Special interim payment 0.16p net for 1972-73 period. ago comparable payment of 0 declared.

LEBONG TEA

For calendar 1973 turn-ro from loss of *£20,000 to* tax profit of £41,000. Subject Treasury permission total ment to go up from 2p to 10.

BRI BUILDING & ENG

Figures for current year ap promising, and sales for first months are up 20 per cent.

CHALLENGE CORPORATION

The Directors of Challenge Corporation Limited in Wellington today announced a net tax paid profi for the year ended 30th June 1974 after adjusting fo *minority interests, exceptional expenses,* and capita profits of NZ$9,333,000 (1973 NZ$8,590,000)—a increase of 8.65%. This profit represents an earnin of 33 cents per ordinary share and a return of 15.3% on average shareholders' funds.

The net tax paid profit for the Group on the year's *trading operations was, subject to* audit NZ$9,003,000 which compares with the result of th previous year of NZ$8,388,000.

*A final ordinary dividend of 7½% has been recom*mended, of which 5% will be paid from capita profits and will be tax free in New Zealand share*holders' hands. This makes a total of 12½% for th* year.

Final dividends will be payable on 30th Octobe *1974 to holders registered at 5 p.m. on Friday 11th* October, 1974. The amount available for distributio is NZ$9,333,000 and of this dividends absor *NZ$3,690,000 and other appropriations NZ$742,00* leaving profits retained in the business o NZ$4,901,000.

Capital profits were NZ$976,000 and provision fo exceptional items not related to the year's tradin will absorb NZ$630,000 net of tax—NZ$633,000 las year.

Taxation for the year amounts to NZ$6,922,000 compared with NZ$6,224,000 last year.

R. R. Trotter—Chairman

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London and Regional Market Prices

Selling resumed

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Aug 19. Dealings End. Aug 30. § Contango Day, Sept 2. Settlement Day, Sept 10.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

valuers of industrial properties
Weatherall Green&Smith LONDON LEEDS PARIS NICE FRANKFURT

BRITISH FUNDS

1973/74 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red Yield
99½	94¾	Treas	6¾% 1974	98¾	..	6.836	11.121
97⅞	92¼	Treas	6% 1975	97⅝	−⅛	6.136	10.973
98⅝	83¼	Treas	8% 1975	98	.	8.161	10.878
95⅞	86⅞	Savings	3% 1965-75	93¾	−⅛	3.200	9.983
	90	Exch	6½% 1976	94⅝	●−⅛	6.892	10.721
	86	Treas	6½% 1976	91⅞	−⅛	7.070	11.393
	85	Victory	4% 1976	98	● ..	4.082	6.081
	94½	Treas	10½% 1976	97¼	−⅛	10.811	11.844
		Treas	6½% 1977			7.003	11.272
	81¼	Elec	3% 1974-77	87½	●	3.429	8.589
		Treas	11½% 1977	97¼		11.841	12.668
		Trans	4% 1972-77	84½		4.734	9.572
		Treas	9% 1978	91⅞		9.795	11.898
		Exch	5% 1976-78	81		6.173	10.908
	67½	Treas	3% 1979	73¼	−⅛	4.086	9.808
		Elec	4½% 1974-79	75½		5.607	10.526
	67½	Elec	3½% 1974-79	74¼	−⅛	4.772	10.214
	81¾	Treas Cnv	9% 1980			10.863	13.526
		Fund	5¼% 1978-80	75¼	−⅛	7.044	11.396
	64½	Treas	3½% 77-80		−⅛	4.893	10.113
	61½	Treas	3½% 79-81		−⅛	5.112	10.392
	75¼	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	77¼	−⅛	11.085	13.590
	89½	Treas.	12% 1983	90½	●−⅛	13.379	14.038
	61¼	Fund	5½% 1982-84	66	−⅛	8.332	11.913
	66½	Treas	8½% 1984-86	70¼	−⅛	12.307	13.688
	56¼	Fund	6½% 1985-87	59½	−⅛	11.334	13.669
	60⅝	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	62	−⅛	12.652	14.317
	37¾	Trans	3% 1978-88	38¼	−⅛	7.842	12.460
	45	Treas	5% 1986-89	47¼	−⅛	11.020	13.603
	61¼	Treas	8% 1987-90	62½	−⅛	13.601	14.724
	47¾	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	49¼	−⅛	12.251	14.100
	44¼	Fund	6% 1993	45½	●−⅛	13.147	14.449
	62¾	Treas	9% 1994	63¾	−⅛	14.137	15.343
	29¾	Rdmptn	3% 1986-96	29¼	● ..	10.340	12.576
	28¾	Gas	3% 1990-95	30	−⅛	10.344	12.913
	90¼	Treas	12¾% 1995	91¼	..	14.524	14.625
	59⅝	Treas	9% 1992-96	59½	●−⅛	15.026	15.475
	48½	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	47¾	● ..	14.872	15.420
	56¾	Treas	8¾% 1997	57½	●−⅛	15.106	15.483
	62¾	Treas	9½% 1999	63½	−⅛	15.248	15.483
	25¾	Fund	3½% 1999-04	26¼	−⅛	13.566	14.243
	53¾	Treas	8% 2002-06	54½	−⅛	15.601	15.707
	34¾	Treas	5½% 2008-12	35¼	●−⅛	15.314	15.415
	48¾	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	50	−⅛	15.734	15.752
	24¾	Consols	4%	25¼	−⅛	16.124	..
	22½	War Ln	3½%	22	−⅛	15.910	..
	22	Conv	3½%	22	●−⅛	15.689	..
	18½	Treas	3%	19¼	−⅛	16.070	..
	15¾	Consols	2½%	16¼	−⅛	15.881	..
	15⅝	Treas.	2½% Aft 75	15⅝	●−⅛	15.777	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red Yield
	85½	Aust	2½% 70-75	95¾	+⅛	2.650	12.185
	73¾	Aust	5½% 76-78	78½	..	7.193	14.001
	67¼	Aust	5½% 77-80	68½	..	8.131	14.385
	58	Aust	5½% 81-82	62	−¼	9.206	14.275
	58	Aust	6% 81-83	58½	−¼	10.335	14.316
	83	Aust	6% 74-76	86¾	..	6.934	13.501
	67¼	Aust	7% 79-81	68½	..	10.207	14.244
	90	Berlin	4½% Ass	90	..	..	..
	87	Ceylon	4% 73-75	94½	● ..	4.223	14.643
	80	Chilean Mixed		94	..	..	..
	52½	E Africa	5¾% 77-83	53¾	..	10.935	15.970
	180	German	4½% 1930	190	..	..	..
	23	Hungary	4½% 1924	28	..	..	..
	65½	Ireland	7½% 81-83	65½	..	..	..
	72½	Jamaica	7¾% 77-79	74	..	10.607	15.902
	85	Japan Ass	4% 1910	100	..	..	..
	52	Japan	6% 83-88	52	..	..	..
	52½	Kenya	5% 78-82	53	..	9.466	16.079
	66	Malaya	7½% 78-82	67	..	11.253	14.770
	67¼	N Z	6% 76-80	68¾	..	8.664	14.287
	85½	N Z	6% 75-76	89¾	● ..	6.705	13.811

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
262	84	AAR	84	● −2	11.6	13.8*	4.4
140	58	AB Electronic	58	−2	5.8	10.1	4.6
52	37	AC Cars	42	−1	1.7	3.9	10.5
118¾	45	AD Intl	70	h −1	3.2	4.6*	9.0
110¾	35	AGB Research	35	..	3.0	8.5*	5.9
375	120	APV Hldgs	128	..	11.2	8.8*	5.5
114	34	AVP Ind	35	−1	3.2	9.2*	3.8
158	28	Aaronson Bros	28	..	2.1	7.4	3.9
78	36	Abbey Panels	26	..	4.0	15.4	1.9
205	44	Acrow	55	..	5.8b	10.5*	5.9
150	38	Do A	39	−3	5.8b	14.7*	6.3
39	15	Adams Food	18	..	1.5	8.3	8.4
53	9	Adda Int	13	−2	1.1	8.3*	4.8
114	43	Advance Elect	86	h ..	3.6	4.2*	10.5
277	70	Adwest Group	75	..	8.8	11.7	4.4
73	25	Aeron't & Gen.	25	..	1.4	5.7	4.4
126	70	Airfix Ind	85	● ..	3.9	4.6*	9.9
120	34	Do NV	34	● ..	7.9	21.5*	4.0
43	20	Albright & W	36	−1	3.3	9.0*	4.7
101½	64½	Alcan 10¼%	£65	..	1050	16.2	..
97½	58	Do 9% Cnv	£57	..	900	15.8	..
90	32	Allen E.	35	−1	4.2	11.9*	4.3
96¾	30	Allen W. G.	35	..	3.5	13.9*	6.3
33¾	21	Alliance Alders	21	−½	1.6	7.7*	5.7
184¾	54	Allied Colloids	60	−2	2.3	3.9*	8.8
42½	12	Allied Plant	13	..	1.1	8.6*	3.3
116½	46	Allied Polymer	48½	..	5.8	11.6*	6.2
71	7	Alpine Hldgs	13	..	3.8	29.5*	3.7
207	149	Amal Metal	176	..	16.0	9.1*	4.8
107	30	Amal Power	30	−1	4.2	14.0*	2.7
62	21	Amber Day	22	..	2.0	8.9	3.0
87	34	Anchor Chem	43	..	4.7	10.9*	5.9
196	118	Anderson Strath	121	−3	11.8	9.7*	6.3
48	8½	Anglian Food	10	..	0.5e	5.2	33.3
615	360	Anglo Amer Ind	380	..	33.1	8.6	6.7
84	28	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	+3	4.3	12.5*	5.5
250	115	Anglo-Thai Corp	115	−3	3.5	3.1	5.4
128	23	Anglowest	26	..	2.3	9.4*	4.0
83	26	Appleyard	25	−2	5.3	21.0*	3.3
39½	14½	Aquascutum 'A'	15½	..	1.5	9.9*	4.7
137	48	Arlington Mtr	50	−2	8.8	17.8*	4.4
169¾	54	Armitage Shanks	62	..	9.3	15.0*	6.3
97	22½	Armst Equip	23	−1	2.2	9.7	3.8
63	41	Asprey 6½% Pf	45	..	6.3	13.9	..
130	26	Ass Biscuit	27	..	3.3	12.1*	3.9
111	28	Do A	23	−1	3.3	14.3*	3.3
28	6	Ass Brit Eng	6¾	−½	..	..	..
67	28	Ass Brit Food	30	−½	2.2	7.3*	5.4
87½	28½	Ass Engineer	28½	−½	4.7	16.4	4.3
101	46	Ass Fisheries	47	−1	5.0	10.6	3.6
192	44	Ass Food	48	−4	5.6a	11.7*	3.3
53	20	Ass Leisure	21	..	4.0b	19.0	3.5
235	72	Ass News	79	−2	6.1	7.7*	5.2
45	24½	Ass Paper	24½	..	2.9	11.7	3.8
233	89	Ass Port Cement	89	−3	20.0	11.2*	4.3
134	38	Ass Tel 'A'	38	● −2	7.7	20.1*	4.4
157	78	Atlas Stone	92½	+2½	6.8b	7.3	7.7
47	18	Attwood Garage	18	..	2.2	12.0*	6.2
185	24	Audiotronic	27	..	6.6	24.5*	3.1
59	19½	Ault & Wiborg	26	● ..	2.9	11.1*	6.1
19½	8¾	Aurora Gear	8¾	..	0.9	10.1	7.7
73	42	Austin E.	42	−1	4.0	9.5*	2.9
101¼	22	Automotive Pd	22	−3	2.1	9.4*	2.9
140	53	Averys	55	−1½	6.0	11.0*	6.1
215	60	Avon Rubber	74	−1	12.8	17.3	4.3
80	25	BBA Grp	29	..	3.3	11.2*	4.9
183	63	BPB Ind	65	−1½	7.9	12.2*	3.8
74	9¼	BSG Int	10½	..	3.2	30.4*	4.0
202¼	57	BSR Ltd	58	−4	2.8	4.8*	4.0
97	44	BTR Ltd	50½	−1	4.6	9.1*	6.2
106	35	Babcock & W	43	−1	2.4	5.7*	5.1
127	31	Bacal Const	31	..	7.5	24.1*	3.5
62	18	Baggeridge Brk	18	..	2.4	13.1	3.3

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
200	58	Sime Darby	58	−1	1.8	3.1	12.7
65	27	Smith Bros	27	..	5.0b	18.5	2.7
147	55	Trust & Agency	55	..	4.9	8.8	13.8
74½	7½	Tyndall O'seas	£7½	..	46.4	6.2	..
126	20	Utd Dom Tst	25	● −1	4.2b	16.8*	11.4
254¼	7	Varasseur	9½	−½	..b	..	..
215	18	Wagon Fin	25	+3	..e	..	3.7
60	24	Western Sel	27	..	2.5	9.3	6.9
58	25	Yule Catto	25	..	1.6	5.9*	10.1

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
154½	24	Bowring	25	−2	3.2	12.8*	..
180	68	Brentnall Beard	68	−2	4.1	6.0	7.2
252	80	Britannic	88	−6	9.5	10.8	..
230	87½	Com Union	93	−2	10.2	11.0	..
210	50	Eagle Star	52	−4	6.3	12.2	..
405	130	Economic	130	−10	14.3	11.0*	..
342	74	Equity & Law	88	..	6.9	7.8	..
206	85	Gen Accident	94	−3	8.1	8.6	..
268	106	Guardian Royal	118	−1	10.4	8.8	..
150	80	Halford Shead	84	● −2	7.5	8.9	7.1
222¾	107	Heath C. E.	115	..	8.4	7.3*	7.0
137½	60	Hogg Robinson	63	● −1	5.5	8.7*	5.0
128	53	Howden A.	56	−1	2.8	5.0	8.5
212	71	Legal & Gen	78	−5	5.6	7.2	..
150	51	Leslie & Godwin	54	−1	4.7	8.6*	8.0
163	56	London & Man	66	−1	5.9	8.9	..
252	110	Matthews W'son	114	−2	10.2	8.9*	7.4
238¾	94	Minet Hldgs	107	−6	3.7	3.4*	10.2
290	80	Orion	80	..	8.7	10.9	..
404	112	Pearl	126	−6	12.4	9.8	..
270	106	Phoenix	118	−2	10.3	8.7	..
175	80	Prov Life 'A'	80	..	8.4	10.5	..
175	84	Do A Br	84	..	8.4	10.0	..
183	84	Do B	84	..	8.4	10.0	..
183	84	Do B Br	84	..	8.4	10.0	..
200	73	Prudential	80	..	6.9	8.6	..
470	160	Refuge 'A'	160	..	16.8	10.5	..
223	82	Do B	82	..	8.4	10.2	..
402	156	Royal	175	−7	18.7b	10.7	..
315	148	Sedg. Forbes	149	−4	9.7	6.6	11.0
137	41	Stenhouse	41	● −2	4.7	11.4	6.1
555	197	Sun Alliance	220	−7	20.8	9.5	..
144	45	Sun Life	47	−1	3.3b	7.0	..
212	125	Trade Indem'ty	125	..	8.3	6.6	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122¾	60	Aberdeen Trst	63	−1	4.7	7.5	18.8
62	28	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	30½	..	..	..	..
59½	40	Do Inc	45	−1	6.0b	13.3	11.4
245	103	Alliance Trust	103	−3½	6.8	6.6*	20.1
66¾	23	Amer Trust	23	−½	1.9	8.3*	24.7
113	31½	Ang-Amer Secs	31½	−½	2.8	5.5	22.9
37½	21	Anglo Int Inv	21	−1	3.4	16.3	9.1
115	38	Do Ass	40	..	..	..	..
80	27	Anglo Scot	28	−½	2.0	7.2	20.7
58	36	Ashbourne	40½	fh ..	1.3	3.2	22.1
138	61	Ashdown Inv	62	..	3.9	6.3	20.5
108	34	ABC Regional	34	−1	..	..	..
161	40	Atlantic Assets	44	−1	1.2	2.7	..
32¼	21	Atlas Electric	22	−½	1.6b	7.1*	16.5
326	42½	Authority Inv	42½	−½	2.1	4.9	13.8
62	28	Bankers Inv	29½	..	2.6b	9.1*	15.0
87	28½	Berry Trust	28½	..	0.9b	3.2	40.7
312	125	Border & Sthrn	129½	−1½	6.4	5.0	24.9
48	18½	Brit Am & Gen	18	● ..	1.7	9.2	18.0
95	30	Brit Assets Tst	30½	−½	1.8b	6.0	28.2
14¼	5½	Brit Emp Sec	5½	..	0.6	11.5	10.2
193	84	Brit Invest	84½	−½	4.7b	5.5*	23.5
150	95	Brit Isles & Gen	95	..	6.3	6.6	13.7
144	63½	Broadstone	63½	● −1½	3.9	6.1	20.8
102½	38	Brunner	38	..	3.5b	9.2	15.8
92	37	Brycourt Inv	37	..	2.4b	6.4	19.5

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
26¾	10¾	Gen Mining	£19½	−½	78.3	4.0	..
15	9	Gold & Base	11	..	1.3	11.4	..
298	187	Gopeng Cons	189	..	18.8	9.9	..
118	36	Gt Boulder Gold	40	..	1.2	..	..
510	47	Grootvlei	330	..	18.7	5.7	..
204	85	Hamersley	94	−2	..	..	..
187	98	Hampton Gold	103	−1	1.7	1.6	..
10¾	1½	Harmony	£7¼	−¼	36.2	5.1	..
25½	5½	Hartebeest	£21½	−½	99.9	4.6	..
26½	14	Jo'burg Cons	£15	..	66.9	4.5	..
800	194	Kinross	655	−20	34.0	5.2	..
15½	3½	Kloof	£10¼	−¼	49.1	4.6	..
232	40	Leslie	168	−2	17.4	10.3	..
15½	3½	Libanon	£15	−¼	62.1	4.6	..
197	105	Ldn Tin	125	+3	9.3	7.3	..
200	76	Lydenburg Plat	117	..	8.7	7.4	..
224	136	MIM Hldgs	148	−2	5.1g	3.5	..
150	80	MTD (Mangula)	80	−5	14.5	18.1	..
197	113	Malayan Tin	116	..	12.5	10.8	..
710	88	Marievale Con	440	−10	49.6	11.3	..
462	220	Messina Trans	230	−5	32.7	14.2	..
167	31	Metals Explor	33	−1	..	..	..
545	235	Middle Wits	387	−10	9.3	2.4	..
467	217	Mitgate Explor	272	..	21.9g	8.0	..
67½	31½	Pahang Cons	58	s ..	6.3b	10.8	..
534	210	Peko Wallsend	225	..	..	..	..
267	122	Potgietersrust	167	..	13.5	8.1	..
26	6¾	Pres Brand	£20½	−½	133	6.5	..
27½	4½	Pres Steyn	£18	−¼	52.4	2.9	..
470	120	Rand Mine Prop	320	−5	6.8	2.1	..
34	2¾	Randfontein	£26½	−¼	..b	..	..
12¼	6¾	Rand Select	£7¼	−¼	41.6b	5.7	..
38	14	Rhodesian Corp	19	..	0.8	4.4	..
270	106	Rio Tinto Zinc	108	−2	6.7	6.2	..
470	220	Roan Cons 'B'	365	−5	133	36.3	..
29¾	8¾	St Helena	£20	−¼	124	6.1	..
115	32	St Piran	32	● ..	2.0	6.2	..
20	7½	Sea Diam	11	−1	..	..	..
645	235	Selection Tst	300	..	19.2	6.4	..
370	100	Sentrust	305	..	14.2	4.7	..
69½	33	Silvermines	40	..	6.0	15.0	..
560	270	SA Coal	455	..	21.8	4.8	..
11¼	5¾	SA Land	£7½	−½	45.1	5.9	..
13½	2½	Southvaal	£11	−¼	..	..	..
130	68	Sthn Malayan	84	..	10.9	13.0	..
146	56	Sungei Besi	58	..	8.2	14.2	..
257	108	Tang Cons	110	−2	13.2	12.0	..
78	28	Tanjong Tin	30	..	6.5	21.6	..
260	150	Tharsis Sulph	230	..	..	..	..
13	4½	Transvaal Cons	£9¼	−¼	34.7b	3.7	..
122	52	Tronoh Mines	62	−½	4.3	6.9	..
466	170	U C Invest	335	..	17.2	5.1	..
472	202	Union Corp	380	h −22	16.0b	4.2	..
253	122	Union Plat	138	−2	13.0	9.4	..
34½	7½	Vaal Reefs	£30½	..	103	3.9	..
11	½	Venterspost	£9¾	−¼	46.6	5.0	..
17½	9	Vereen Est	£10	● −¼	66.0	6.6	..
110	67	Wankie Colliery	67	..	8.7	12.8	..
247	122	Waterval Plat	138	−2	13.7	9.9	..
650	174	Welkom	520	..	39.7	..	..
40	12	W Driefontein	£30¼	−¼	249	6.9	..
670	43	W Rand Cons	495	−20	16.4	3.3	..
570	114	Western Areas	505	−15	27.3	5.4	..
22	5¾	Western Deep	£17¼	..	93.6	5.3	..
33½	17¼	Western Hldgs	£32	−½	244	7.6	..
238	92	Western Mining	102	−4	5.2	5.1	..
13¼	2¾	Winkelhaak	£10	−¼	47.5	4.8	..
80	43	Zambia Copper	52	−¼	16.7	32.2	..
252	160	Minorco	173	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60½	37½	Ampol Pet	43	+1	3.1	7.2	10.0
52	23	Ang Ecuador	25	..	3.2	12.6	5.8
91	45	Attock	62	● ..	6.0e	9.7	10.9
151	78	Berry Wiggins	77	−2	2.8	3.6*	33.0

MARKET REPORTS

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2.		061-236 9775	
49.1	23.5	Giants	22.4	23.7e	5.40
43.6	24.3	Do Accum	22.7	24.3	5.40
44.7	21.4	Growth	19.6	21.8e	6.00
35.2	22.1	Do Accum	20.3	22.5	6.00
45.5	25.8	Income	23.2	25.8e	9.00
40.9	27.4	Do Accum	24.8	27.4	9.00
27.2	17.1	Int Accum	16.1	17.1	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury. Bucks		0296-5941	
25.3	13.6	Abbey Capital	13.3	14.0	6.13
47.5	23.4	Abbey General	22.1	23.6e	3.39
25.0	16.6	Do Income	15.7	16.5	8.89
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2		01-588 6371	
51.3	42.7	Alben Trst*	39.8	42.8e	4.65
53.1	30.3	Do Income*	28.5	30.6e	7.96
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex		01-588 2851	
71.5	36.9	Allied Capital	35.8	38.1	6.97
62.7	36.2	Do 1st	35.1	37.4e	6.79
63.7	35.7	Brit Ind 2nd	34.7	36.9	7.30
38.9	19.8	Growth & Inc	19.3	20.5e	7.18
32.3	17.7	Elec & Ind Dev	17.1	18.2	7.20
37.6	28.4	Met Min & Cmdty	26.8	28.6	6.48
59.3	34.7	High Income	33.4	35.6	9.00
38.6	20.1	Equity Income	20.0	21.2e	8.77
24.6	16.4	International	15.3	16.4	2.16
25.0	25.0	HighYieldFnd	23.5	25.0	12.00
115.6	55.2	Hambro Fnd	53.8	57.3	7.40
53.7	27.2	Do Income	26.4	28.1e	9.50
96.5	51.2	Do Recovery	49.4	52.7	10.87
30.1	13.1	Do Smaller	12.4	13.2e	8.40
28.9	14.6	Do Accum	14.2	15.1	6.29
28.1	17.0	2nd Smaller	16.0	17.1	7.70
50.6	33.6	Secs of America	31.5	33.6	2.97
101.6	99.5	Exempt Fnd	95.5	100.3	6.72
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd.			
		1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH.		01-606 4010	
42.4	22.6	Nth American	20.8	22.6	9.89
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252/6 Romford Road, London, E7.		01-534 5521	
25.0	25.0	UnicornAmer	23.7	25.0	3.30
69.5	44.4	Aust Income	42.0	45.4e	5.04
79.6	52.4	Do Accum	49.9	53.9	4.99
76.3	35.0	Unicorn Capital	33.6	35.9e	6.88
75.7	38.5	Exempt*	38.2	39.8e	8.69
25.3	13.9	Extra Income	13.3	14.1	10.82
67.6	32.0	Financial	30.9	33.0e	6.17
68.6	33.9	Unicorn '500'	31.7	33.9e	8.83
34.6	15.6	General	15.0	16.0e	8.52
40.0	18.6	Growth Accum	18.0	19.3	7.37
76.8	37.9	Income	36.6	38.9e	9.59
32.0	18.1	Recovery	17.3	18.5	9.44
125.0	56.5	Trustee	54.5	58.0e	7.60
50.3	35.7	Worldwide	33.7	35.7e	6.72
100.0	100.0	B'tst Inv Fnd	98.1	101.1	5.93
100.0	100.0	Do Accum	98.1	101.1	5.93
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3		01-626 6399	
143.0	94.0	Brandts Cap (4)	88.0	94.0	2.48
146.0	99.0	Do Accum (4)	93.0	99.0	2.29
141.0	83.0	Brandts Inc (4)	78.0	83.0e	9.06
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd.			
		Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3.		01-623 4951	
109.0	63.0	Bridge Ex* (2)	59.0	63.0e	7.88
286.0	152.0	Do Inc (2)	146.0	154.0e	8.87
212.0	99.0	Do Cap (2)	99.0	104.0e	3.09
216.0	103.0	Do Cap Acc* (2)	103.0	108.0	3.09
116.0	66.0	O'seas Inc (3)	62.0	66.0e	4.54
116.0	69.0	Do Accum (3)	65.0	69.0	4.54
		The British Life.			
		51 Whitefriars St, London, EC4.		01-353 6760	
50.0	27.4	British Life	27.0	28.1	7.74
32.7	20.7	Balanced (2)	20.2	21.2	7.10
38.4	22.3	Cap Accum (2)	21.5	22.8	8.74
46.6	25.8	Dividend (2)	24.6	26.1	10.68
41.3	26.8	Opp Accum (2)	26.1	27.6	8.90
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2.		01-600 8520	
179.5	110.9	Brn Ship Inc (7)	108.4	111.4	7.30
186.6	123.3	Do Accum (7)	118.6	123.8	7.30
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1.		01-930 6122	
33.6	19.0	Canlife Gen	18.4	19.5e	6.29
34.0	20.5	Do Accum	19.7	21.0	6.29
25.8	19.4	Income Dist	18.6	19.6	10.46
25.8	20.4	Do Accum	19.5	20.6	10.46
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.		0632 21165	
77.3	42.9	Carliol (8)	40.4	42.9	4.72
80.6	44.6	Do Accum	42.1	44.6	4.72
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2.		01-588 1815	
137.7	77.9	Inc* (24)	77.9	..	8.90
207.8	105.9	Accum* (24)	105.9	..	5.60
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4.		01-248 3999	
29.4	14.4	Int (3)	13.4	14.4	4.34
30.0	15.6	Accum (3)	14.6	15.6	4.34
44.8	26.0	Inc (3)	24.4	26.0	10.48
26.4	20.4	Euro Fin (3)	19.0	20.4	1.83
25.0	16.6	Fund Inv (3)	15.6	16.6	4.16
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh.		031-226 4931	
41.3	13.7	Growth Fnd	13.0	13.8	6.72
53.6	27.0	International	25.4	27.0e	3.17
43.2	20.6	Reserves Fnd	19.9	21.2e	6.42
46.5	25.4	High Dist	24.1	25.6e	9.73
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Finsbury Hse, 22 Bloomfield St, EC2.		01-638 4485	
124.7	65.4	Income	62.1	65.4e	9.16
136.0	75.2	Accum	71.4	75.2e	9.16
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		43/45 South St, Eastbourne.		0323 36711	
55.9	41.3	Commodity	42.6	46.2	6.16
30.8	18.5	Growth	17.4	18.6	4.29
24.4	15.3	Inv Trust	14.2	15.2	5.04
42.1	23.7	Drayton Inc	22.8	24.5e	8.58
39.7	31.1	International	29.1	31.1	4.29
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.		02774 63199	
77.5	34.8	Progressive	33.9	36.2	5.10
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks.		0494 32815	
58.4	30.4	Equity & Law	29.9	31.8	6.16
		Family Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury. Bucks		0296 5941	
74.3	49.2	Family Fnd	46.5	49.5	3.85
		Framlington Unit Management Ltd.			
		Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2.		01-628 4966	
72.6	37.0	Capital	34.8	37.0	7.03
62.6	33.6	Income	31.6	33.6	9.06
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3.		01-626 4811	
33.1	16.6	Friends Prov	15.9	16.9e	6.90
36.9	18.3	Do Accum	17.4	18.6	6.90
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2.		01-405 4300	
117.2	57.0	Capital*	56.0	57.0	5.12
88.5	47.0	Gross Income*	46.0	47.0	9.79
87.4	52.0	High Yield*	51.0	52.0e	9.88
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex.		0277 227300	
32.9	16.8	G & A	16.5	17.6e	6.48
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1		01-600 9461 Ext 13	
87.3	44.2	GT Cap	41.5	44.5e	2.00
93.5	47.8	Do Accum	45.1	48.1e	2.00
99.4	78.5	Do Income	76.2	79.7	8.00
110.4	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	109.3	111.8	1.00
110.2	94.6	Do Japan Gen	110.2	112.7	1.00
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3.		01-681 1031	
92.0	40.7	Guardhill	40.4	41.8e	7.43
		Henderson Administration Ltd.			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2.		01-588 3622	
100.2	49.5	Cabot	46.5	49.5e	5.30
197.5	101.5	Henderson Gr*	95.5	101.5e	4.24
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 173, Croydon, CR9 6AL.		01-681 1031	
46.1	39.4	Dollar	37.6	40.1	1.56
30.9	21.6	International	20.4	22.0e	2.97
144.3	68.3	Brit Trst	68.8	73.6e	6.74
144.3	69.4	Brit Guernsey	68.8	73.6e	4.52
27.7	12.2	Cap	13.0	14.0e	7.87
79.3	44.8	Fin Trst	43.1	46.1	3.90
25.2	11.7	Inc Trst	12.1	13.0	10.21
26.4	12.7	High Yield	13.2	14.2e	11.55
47.1	23.5	Secs Trst	24.0	25.7	6.41
		Ionian Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		64 Coleman St, London, EC2		01-638 5666	
101.0	88.0	Foreign Fnd (21)	80.5	88.0	3.00
203.0	98.0	Growth Fnd (25)	93.0	98.0	6.46
109.0	72.3	Inc Fnd (26)	70.0	74.0	11.47
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Young St, Edinburgh.		031-225 6762	
37.6	18.0	Compound (1)	16.0	18.0e	13.40
39.0	20.7	Do Accum (1)	18.7	20.7	13.40
39.0	18.4	8½% Wdraw (1)	16.4	18.4e	..
24.0	20.3	Preference	19.1	21.1e	15.00
24.0	20.3	Do Accum	20.4	22.4e	15.00
26.6	13.3	Cap (2)	11.9	13.5	..
26.2	16.8	Aust Comp Fnd	14.8	16.8	5.41
25.4	16.4	6% W'draw	14.4	16.4	..
31.5	18.3	Sector Ldrs (3)	17.2	19.0e	7.22
24.3	11.2	Fin & Prop (3)	10.3	11.3	6.61
41.5	24.8	Int Growth (4)	22.8	24.3	4.15
25.7	16.0	Nth Sea (3)	14.4	16.0	3.38
45.0	26.5	Commodity (5)	23.5	26.5	9.09
49.1	30.9	Do Accum (5)	27.9	30.9	9.09
49.1	27.4	10½% W'draw (5)	24.4	27.4	..
		Jessel Britannia Group.			
		155 Fenchurch St, London, EC3.		01-623 7585	
62.1	46.4	Brit Comm Plus	43.6	46.7	8.43
49.3	21.7	Brit Gen	20.6	22.0	7.97
41.9	25.5	Extra Inc	23.9	25.7e	10.88
21.9	20.9	High Income	19.8	21.3e	14.03
58.3	28.3	Jessel Cap	27.0	29.0	7.60
73.0	16.4	Do City of Ldn	29.9	32.0e	7.32
63.8	41.6	Do Global	38.7	41.6	4.84
171.4	110.3	Do Gold & G	142.6	152.6e	6.61
58.9	37.1	Do Inc	35.0	37.6	9.42
34.5	18.5	Do Inv Units	17.3	18.6e	6.73
64.2	27.2	Do New Iss	25.9	27.7	8.90
24.7	11.3	Do Prop & G	10.8	11.7	5.87
53.4	35.3	Do Plant & Gen	33.7	36.1	9.16
28.0	15.3	Aust & Gen (1)	15.0	16.1e	3.25
27.6	20.5	JL Int Cons	19.2	20.5e	5.77
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE.		01-606 7070	
79.0	39.1	Cap Fund	38.1	40.5	5.24
97.0	58.4	Exempt Fnd (38)	54.9	58.4	9.87
60.2	41.8	Inc Fnd	40.4	42.9	10.72
98.1	48.5	EPIF	46.9	49.6e	10.34
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.		0272 32241	
60.0	33.0	Dist	31.2	33.0	6.81
62.0	36.0	Accum	34.0	36.0	6.81
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard Street, London, EC3.		01-626 1500	
53.6	24.6	1st Inc	24.0	25.5	7.23
60.9	29.1	Do Accum	28.4	30.2e	7.23
56.2	27.6	2nd Inc	26.4	28.0e	6.02
60.6	30.9	Do Accum	29.5	31.3	6.02
76.5	40.5	3rd Inc	39.3	41.8	10.39
80.3	45.3	Do Accum	43.9	46.7	10.39
		Morgan Grenfell Funds.			
		23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2.		01-588 4545	
149.5	82.1	Cap (3)	78.8	82.1	3.70
113.0	64.5	Exempt (26)	61.0	64.5	4.90
51.5	30.0	Inc (3)	28.4	30.4e	9.00
13.11	8.04	Ins Agency (4) £	7.72	8.04e	3.84
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.		01-626 4588	
159.7	91.3	M & G General	87.0	94.8e	6.99
226.8	119.8	Do Accum	114.1	124.4	6.99
150.2	88.0	2nd Gen	83.9	89.8e	6.35
183.2	114.9	Do Accum	109.5	117.2	6.35
133.1	66.3	Mid & Gen	64.3	68.8e	6.37
174.6	86.3	Do Accum	85.7	91.7	6.37
96.8	50.9	Div Fnd	49.4	53.3e	11.32
136.7	75.5	Do Accum	73.3	79.2	11.32
141.8	78.5	Special Trst	69.8	76.3e	4.36
152.3	85.6	Do Accum	78.1	85.9	4.36
264.0	156.3	Magnum Fnd	157.9	167.4e	5.71
281.9	186.5	Do Accum	175.9	186.5	5.71
69.5	34.3	FITS	32.3	34.6e	4.81
73.4	36.9	Do Accum	35.0	37.4	4.81
60.8	54.7	Compound	50.6	54.7	4.35
142.1	92.2	Recovery	88.4	94.6	8.69
60.3	33.7	Extra Yield	32.2	34.5e	13.65
50.0	34.3	Do Accum	33.0	35.3	13.65
117.0	81.7	Japan	78.1	81.7	..
56.9	42.0	Euro & Gen	39.4	42.0	2.44
49.0	20.3	American & Gen	19.2	20.5	2.33
86.1	33.1	Australasian	30.8	33.1	3.48
56.7	32.4	Far East Inc	29.9	32.1e	2.90
52.7	32.6	Do Accum	30.2	32.6	2.90
140.8	63.5	Trustee Fnd	[illegible]	63.4e	8.74
200.7	107.7	Do Accum	98.3	107.1	8.74
157.9	73.9	Charifund* (2)	72.4	73.6e	9.71
130.0	67.9	Pension* (1)	63.5	67.4	7.87
131.6	72.2	Super-fund (4)	67.5	72.2e	7.44
[illegible]	31.7	NAACIF	22.4	..	13.62
55.7	50.4	Do Accum	51.8	..	13.62
		M & G Scotland Ltd.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.		01-626 4588	
60.7	34.2	M&GCmdy	31.7	34.2	3.55
74.2	39.8	Clyde Gen	37.2	39.8e	7.36
80.6	46.0	Do Accum	43.8	46.9	7.36
73.4	43.4	Clyde High Inc	41.3	44.3e	11.90
83.3	56.0	Do Accum	52.3	56.0	11.90
99.7	74.5	ManagedBonds	70.9	74.5	..
		The National Group of Unit Trusts.			
		3-5 Norwich Street, London, EC4		01-405 8891	
54.2	28.6	Century	27.3	29.2	4.29
53.2	26.3	Com Cons	25.9	28.8e	4.38
58.2	23.6	Domestic	22.7	24.2e	5.98
73.6	38.4	Gas Ind Power	36.2	38.8e	4.99
57.5	30.3	Hundred Secs	28.0	30.7e	3.58
48.5	25.2	Inv Gen	24.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
80.5	34.3	Do 2nd Gen	34.6	36.3e	4.14
[illegible]	49.8	Natbits	47.3	50.2	3.93
50.8	25.5	Nat Cons	29.1	30.2e	3.93
191.0	99.2	Do 'D' 2nd	97.1	102.2e	4.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do High Inc	[illegible]	30.8	[illegible]
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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

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Applications are invited for the Chair of Roman and Comparative Law, now vacant. The salary scale is R8 100 x 300—R9 900 per annum plus a pensionable allowance of 15% of basic salary. This salary does not include improvements under consideration.

The Department is responsible for the following courses: ROMAN LAW I AND II FOR THE DEGREE OF LL.B. ELEMENTS OF ROMAN LAW FOR THE DEGREE OF B.PROC. COMPARATIVE LAW (ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL LAW) FOR THE DEGREE OF LL.B. JURISPRUDENCE A AND B FOR THE DEGREE OF LL.B.

Applicants should state in which of the above, as well as any other, courses they are qualified and prepared to teach. The ability and willingness to teach an advanced course in Roman-Dutch Law (e.g. the Law of Succession) would be an added qualification.

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Applications are invited for a Senior Lectureship in Law now vacant. *The salary scale is* R6 300 x 300-R8 100 per annum plus a pensionable allowance of 15% of basic salary. This salary scale does not include improvements under consideration.

The successful applicant, who will be expected to assume duty on 1st February 1975 or as soon as possible thereafter, will be attached to the Department of Roman and Comparative Law which is responsible for the teaching of Roman Law, Comparative Law, Jurisprudence and general principles of English Law.

Applicants should state in which of the above or other subjects they are particularly interested, qualified and prepared to teach.

Applicants for either post should submit a full curriculum vitae, state present salary, publications and research work, date when available if appointed, and should give the names and addresses of three referees whom the University may consult.

Memoranda concerning both positions and further information on the work of the Law *Faculty should be obtained from* the Registrar, University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch, 7700, South Africa: by whom applications must be received not later than 31st October 1974.

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University of Otago

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

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Salary scales are subject to triennial review and to interim cost-of-living adjustments.

Further particulars are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Registrar of the University.

Applications close in London and New Zealand on 15 October, 1974.

University of London King's College

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University of Leeds

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University of Bristol

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Further particulars may be *obtained from the Secretary,* University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH, to whom applications should be sent by 14th September 1974 (please quote reference EB).

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The City University

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

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University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

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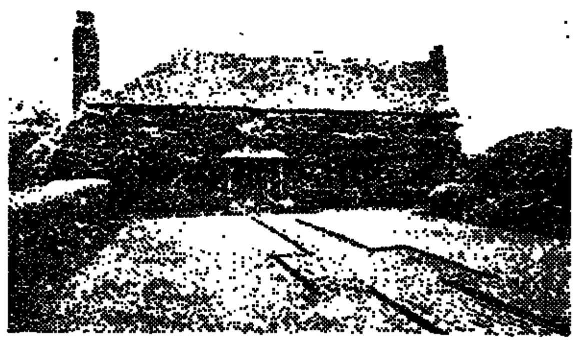

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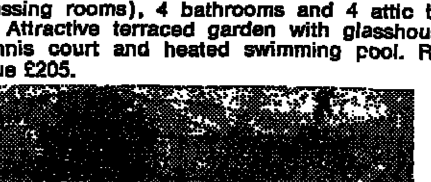

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me of the nightmares of a car ufacturer, with new models taksomething like five years to deve- is that what was conceived half lecade ago may be quite irrele- t to the conditions prevailing when car is ready to be launched.

) when one talks of manufacturers sponding" to the energy crisis, response can be only a long-term ir. By the time the Middle East broke out last autumn all the cars we are likely to see this , and probably next, were so far loped that there was no opportu- for a last-minute reappraisal.

hen Citroën announced its new litre saloon in Paris this month, company almost apologized for ing the car on the market at such npropitious time. In fact, Citroën nothing to apologize for; as Stuart shall reports below, the CX 2000 recisely the sort of compact, yet y, and economical car today's itions demand.

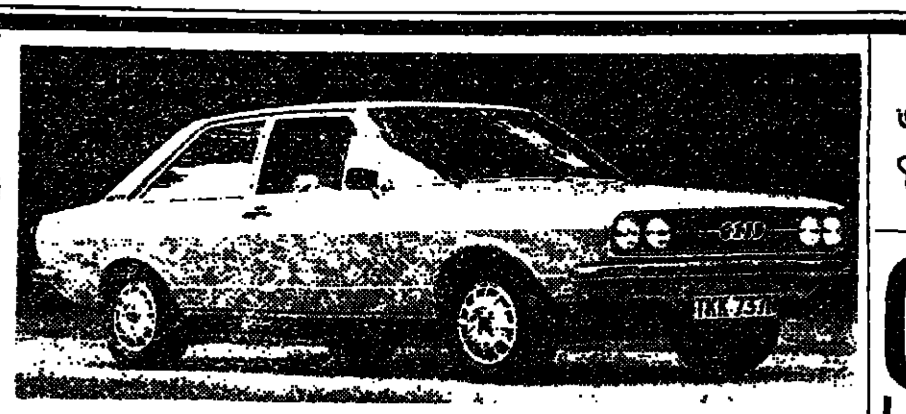
course, projects can be scrapped way through, and often are, or tantial changes made. But the sort vestment involved (the new Volvo e represents an outlay of £60m), s that somehow the answers ed at in 1969 or 1970 have still o be more or less right in 1974.

roën seems to have the correct ers, and so in a rather different loes Volvo. The Swedish company traditionally departed from car try custom by putting the asis on safety and comfort rather speed or handling qualities, but so the announcement of the 60 series did contain one icant pointer.

t was the total lack of emphasis performance; indeed when I led the presentation of the new in Sweden last week the word ormance" was hardly used. And erficially striking feature of the ix-cylinder car is that it has a owerful engine than the present

act, by exchanging the old three- nit for the new 2.7 V6 engine, has settled for a lower maximum but provided more low-range , which should give better ration in town. That is a le and long-sighted policy, par- ly in the context of present, iture, speed limits.

vo's three biggest markets, in ding importance, are the United , Sweden and the United Kingdom. We have a maximum legal speed mph and Sweden one of 110 tres an hour, which is virtually me; in many American states it is even lower.



The Audi 80 GT, launched in Britain this week, is a sporting luxury version of the much-praised German saloon which won six "car of the year" awards. The price is £2,010.

So, Volvo might argue, why waste resources on providing high maximum speeds when it is illegal to use them in your chief markets? Why not concentrate instead on giving better acceleration lower down the range, to move the car quickly out of traffic and to make overtaking safer?

With speed limits likely to apply throughout the car-owning countries before very long, I should expect Volvo's thinking to be echoed by other manufacturers. British Leyland has already said that the priority on its popular cars is an improvement in economy, as much as half is hoped for, even if some performance has to be sacrificed. *Even at the quality end I should guess that the new Rover, while roomier and more comfortable, is unlikely to be faster.*

Like them or not, speed limits are here to stay and regrettable as it may also be, petrol is going to be increasingly expensive or scarce, or both. From each point of view, a lesser emphasis on performance makes sense. There is nothing wrong with good acceleration but where it will be needed more in future is not to flash past that sports car but to overtake a heavy lorry at 40 or 50 mph.

Lapland test

The Citroën CX must be voted "Car of the Year"; it is difficult to think of any serious rivals for the title (Stuart Marshall writes). Just as the GS brought new standards of roadholding, handling and primary safety to the small/medium family car category five years ago, the CX takes Citroën to the top of the next size class. In the mid-1970s, the CX unveils the shape and style of motoring for the 1980s.

Though it is revolutionary when compared with other cars, for Citroën the CX is only the result of 40 years of evolution. The first *traction avant* appeared in 1934 and every Citroën since then has had front wheel drive. Citroën has had 20 years' experience of hydro-pneumatic suspension and disc brakes powered by a central high-pressure hydraulic system.

What is new about the CX is its refinement. The clicks and grunts from the hydraulics, the sizzles and low-speed snatch from the transmission that owners of all past models (other than the over £6,000 SM) have had to learn to live with have been banished. So while the CX has its idiosyncrasies, they are few. The driver new to Citroën should not find the CX difficult to get to know.

I tested the CX 2000 and its more powerful version, the CX 2200, in Swedish Lapland last month. The first surprise was the smoothness and silence of the engine, which is basically similar to that of the DS models. Because it is mounted east-west, with the cylinder block tipped forward, it gets rid of the bulkhead bulge which restricts space in the front compartment of the "D" cars. Inside, the CX feels a biggger car than the DS, though it is nearly a foot shorter overall.

At the 5,250 rpm cautionary mark on the tachometer, which represents 70 mph in third gear in the 2000, 75 mph in the higher geared 2200, the engine sounded fairly remote. Taken well into the red at 6,000 rpm-plus, it remained unfussed. Where legal, the CX 2000 could be cruised continuously at 90-95 mph and the 2200 at 95-100 mph, in both cases with another 10 mph in hand. Despite hard driving I obtained 25 mpg from the 2000, 24.75 mpg from the 2200. Average of all the test cars was 28.6 mpg and 26.5 mpg respectively. Though one light-footed colleague did better than 31 mpg in a 2200. Citroën's claim of 37 mpg at a steady 56 mph in a special 2000 economy version is easy to believe.

The four-speed manual gearbox has a slick change; there is no automatic option. Steering is accurate, sensibly geared and so light that I persuaded myself that the 2000 I drove must have power assistance. This was not so. Only the 2200 comes with power steering. I found it oversensitive, like the SM's, though no doubt it improves as one gets used to it.

Every other car manufacturer should examine the instrument panel of the CX carefully. The way that engine revolutions and road speed are displayed digitally through lenses like a publican's optic measure is not everyone's choice, but the layout of the minor controls, switches and the battery of "tell-tales" must be the best yet. Everything except the choke and engine oil level indicator is grouped in a curved mini-fascia just above the steering column and within fingertip reach of hands at "ten to two" on the single spoked wheel. The traffic indicators, worked by a rocker switch, do not self-cancel because Citroën still reckons they ought to be under the driver's direct control.

Interior styling is just as futuristic as the outside. The cloth trimmed front seats have head restraints and automatic seat belts are built-into the central body pillars. In the rear, the ride is almost as good as it is in the front—where the comfort is uncanny—and rear seat legroom is adequate for a couple of six-footers. On corners, the CX rolls very little. For rough roads, you can increase the ground clearance while you drive without affecting ride comfort. Frost-broken tarmac and deeply potholed dirt roads were made to feel like motorways.

Peter Waymark

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repeats. Shoulder to Shoulder, the series of six suffragette dramas first seen on BBC2, s a second showing (BBC1 9.25). So does the four-part series about Leonardo da Vinci 2 9.55). Cousteau's hump-back whales can be seen again (BBC1 8.15) as can another ment of the admirable Gates of Asia, the historical series about Turkey (BBC2 8.0). Kelly joins Judy Garland in her afternoon film (BBC1 2.15). Current affairs occupy Week (ITV 9.30) and Midweek (BBC1 10.40). Golf has more holes (ITV 11.0 am, 2.20 1.0) and the Edinburgh Festival gets a late-night look-in (BBC2 10.45).—L.B.

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11.00-11.25 am, Play School.
7.30 News Summary.
7.35 Argument. Do Politics and Art Mix?
8.00 The Gates of Asia: Part 4, The Fall of Byzantium.
8.30 The Haggard Falcon: Part 2, The Mermaid.
9.25 It's Lulu.
9.55 Leonardo, film with Philippe Leroy as Leonardo da Vinci: Part 1, Apprenticeship.
10.45 Edinburgh at festival time.
11.15-11.45 News Extra.

Southern

10.00 am, ATV. 10.25, Hammy Hamster. 10.35, Thames. 12.00, Southern News. 12.05 pm, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.20, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, University Challenge. 7.05, Film: Timetable, with Mark Stevens, Felicia Farr.* 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Advanced Driving. 11.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Guideline. 11.45, Man in a Suitcase. 12.40 am, Weather.

Westward

10.10 am, It's all Man Made. 10.35, The Rovers. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, Good Day! 12.05 pm, Thames. 4.25, Clapperboard. 4.50, Time Tunnel. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, The Pathward News. 10.35, Advanced Drivfinders. 8.30, Thames. 10.32, Westing. 11.05, The Summer of '74. 11.30, Golf. 12.00, Cinema. 12.30 am, Faith for Life.

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9.30 am, Caravan Days. 9.35, Technoflash. 10.00, ATV. 10.30, Thames. 12.00, Cartoon. 12.05 pm, Thames. 4.30, Little Rascals. 4.50, Time Tunnel. 5.50, News. 6.00, North East News. 6.10, Shirley's World. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.05, Film: Carter's Army, with Stephen Boyd. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Advanced Driving. 11.00, Golf. 11.30, Police Call. 11.35, Cinema. 12.05 am, News Headlines. 12.10, Lectern.

Grampian

10.55 am, Fable. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, Roundup. 12.05 pm, Thames. 4.25, Elephant Boy. 4.50, Skippy. 5.20, Survival. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.08, Snap Question. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.05, Film, The Ballad of Andy Crocker, with Lee Majors, Joey Heatherton. 8.30, Thames. 11.30-12.00, Chicago Teddybears.

Scottish

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Thames

10.00 am, Cooking Without Tears. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.30, Along the Peddars Way. 11.00, Golf, Viyella PGA Championship. 12.00, Fable. 12.05 pm, Pipkins. 12.25, Play it Again Stewpot. 12.40, News. 1.00, Crown Court. 1.30, General Hospital. 2.00, Good Afternoon! 2.20, Golf. 4.25, The Time Tunnel. 5.20, Untamed World.
5.50 News.
6.00 Dr Simon Locke.
5.30 Cartoon.
5.40 Crossroads.
7.05 Film, Pioneer Woman, with Joanna Pettet, William Shatner.
8.30 The Inheritors.
9.30 This Week. Here comes the slump.
10.00 News.
10.30 Cinema.
11.00 Golf Highlights.
11.30 What the Papers Say.
11.45 Night Gallery.
12.10 am, Family Centre.

Anglia

10.05 am, Elephant Boy. 10.30, Thames. 12.00, Anglia News. 12.05 pm, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.20, Golf. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.50, The Partridge Family. 5.20, Lassie. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Cowboys. 7.30, Barnaby Jones. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.00, Cinema. 11.30, Golf Highlights. 12.00, Your Choice.

ATV

10.00 am, A Place in the Country: Stourhead. 10.25, Tomfoolery. 10.50, Cartoon. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, Father Paschal. 12.05 pm, Thames. 4.25, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 5.20, I Dream of Jeannie. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Love Thy Neighbour. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, Thames. 11.00, Angling. 11.30, Golf highlights. 12.00-12.15 am, What the Papers Say.

Granada

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Ulster

10.15 am, Training the Family Dog. 10.40, Romper Room. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, Fable. 12.05 pm, Thames. 4.25, Clapperboard. 4.50, Time Tunnel. 5.50, News. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Barnaby Jones. 8.30, Thames. 11.30-12.00, The Adventurer.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, Dave Lee Travis. 4.00, David Hamilton. 5.30, Newsbeat. 5.45, Paul Owens. 7.02, Alan Keith.† 7.30, Folk 74.† 8.03, Folkweave.† 9.20, Old Time.† 10.00, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride.† 2.00, News.
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BIRTHS

COOPER-EVANS.—On 27th August, 1974, at Westminster Hospital to Sue (nee Freyberg) and Michael Cooper-Evans—a daughter (Victoria Louise), a sister for Alexander.

DAIN.—On 15th August, 1974, to Susan (nee Moss) and David—a daughter (Sarah Helen).

FUGLESANG.—On August 27th, at Basingstoke and District Hospital, to Nicolette (nee Preston) and Charles Fuglesang—a son, brother for James.

GILL.—On Aug 27, at Tunbridge Wells Maternity Home, to Sue (nee Warwick) and Brian—a son (Robert James), brother for Zoe, Amanda and Sarah.

HICKS.—On 23rd August, at Dryburn Hospital, Durham, to Judith (nee Andrew) and John—a daughter, Alice Mary.

LLOYD.—On August 27th, to Barbara and Peter—a son (David), a brother for Rachel.

McGRATH.—On Aug. 25, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Sheila (nee Yeats) and Patrick McGrath—a daughter (Katrina Elizabeth).

MORGAN.—On August 24 at Llangollen Hospital to Jennifer (nee Pattinson) and David—a son.

NELSON.—On August 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Joanna (nee Fearnley-Whittingstall) and Mason Nelson—a daughter.

OWEN.—On 25th August, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Elizabeth (nee Macfarlane) and John Wyn Owen—a son (Dafydd Wyn), a brother for Sian.

SELIGMAN.—On 18th August, 1974 at Chalmers Hospital, Banff, to Nigel and Patricia (nee MacLaren)—a son (Peter), a brother for Lucy.

TRUMP.—On August 28th, to Julia (nee Richmond) and Tony Trump—a son (Dylan Osborne).

van BERGEN.—On 24th August, to Alexandra (nee Zino) and Jan—a second daughter (Saskia).

WARBURTON.—On Aug. 27th, at Leicester General Hospital, to Hazel (nee Neville) and Tony—a son (Stephen Anthony).

WOOD.—On August 26th, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Gillian (nee Newnham) and Simon Wood—a brother for Timothy.

WOOD.—On August 23rd, 1974, at the Firs Maternity Hospital, Nottingham, to Penny (nee Yandell) and Tony Wood—a son (Sam), a brother for Rupert and Phoebe.

DEATHS

AINSLIE WILLIAMS, MAJOR GERVASE BRUCE, aged 62, peacefully, at his home in Stanton, Gloucestershire, on August 23rd.

ANDREWS.—On 23rd August, 1974, suddenly at the Manor House (South) Maresfield, Peter Blaze Stewart Andrews, formerly Lt. Col. R.A.F.C. Funeral service at Maresfield Church, 2.30 p.m., Monday, 2nd September, followed by cremation at Brighton. No flowers, please.

BAXTER.—On August 25th at Winchester, after many years of illness bravely borne, Patience V., wife of the late Charles Baxter, C.M.G., M.C. Cremation at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel) on Monday, September 2nd, at 12 noon. Enquiries to John Steel & Son Ltd., Winchester 4693.

BIRKETT.—On August 27th, 1974, as a result of a motor accident, Anthony John, aged 28 years, very dearly loved son of Margery and Brian Birkett, brother of Granla, Glen and Charles, and brother-in-law of Richard Evans. Funeral private on Thursday, Aug. 29th.

BIVAND.—On 28th August, 1974, in hospital, Kathleen Isobel, dear aunt of Moira Dougan (Portadown) and Lynn Callingham (Majorca). Funeral strictly private. No flowers or letters, please.

BOWMAN.—On 27th August, 1974, at St. Katharine's Convent, Parmoor, Henley-on-Thames, Mabel, widow of T. Sellar Bowman. Funeral private.

DEATHS

BRUTTON.—On August 27th, at St George's Hospital, London, Sabina Cordingley (nee Taylor), aged 88, widow of Cuthbert Forrest Brutton, beloved mother of Philip, mother-in-law of Joan, a grandmother of Amanda and Hugo Brutton, Aunt of Edward Taylor, of Vancouver B.C. Funeral private. Flowers to Kenyon's, 45 Edgware Rd., London, W.2, by 12 noon, Tuesday, September 3rd.

FANSHAWE.—On Aug. 28, 1974, Robert Henry Fanshawe, Commander, Royal Navy (retired), Glenmore House, Churt, Surrey, beloved husband of Patricia and father of James, Diana and Antony. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced later.

GARDENER.—On August 25th, 1974, at Brentwood, May Ruby, aged 91, formerly of Hillcrest, Headcorn, Kent. Funeral service at Waltham Abbey on Friday, August 30th, at 11.45 a.m., followed by interment at Waltham Abbey Cemetery. Enquiries to A. Bennett, 130 High St., Brentwood.

GRAYSON.—On 28th August, peacefully, at King Edward VII Hospital, Barbara (nee Finucane), Beloved wife of Tristram and mother of Mary, Angela and Patrick. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's, Cadogan Street, at 11 a.m., Friday 30th August. Funeral private on Monday, September 2nd (flowers to Jennings, of Hitchin or donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Beaumont Street).

HIRST.—On 27th August, 1974, suddenly, Thomas Bayliss Verney, dearly loved husband of Daisy and brother of Richard Verney Hirst. Funeral Friday, 30th August, St. Marylebone Crematorium.

HORDERN.—On 28th August, peacefully, Millicent Ludmilla, wife of the late Captain Philip Hordern, R.N. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Tuesday, 3rd September, at 3 p.m. No flowers, at her request.

IMISON, H NORMAN.—On August 28th. Formerly I.C.I., after a long and painful illness at his home, 111 Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill. No flowers, please, but donations to cancer research greatly appreciated.

LEE.—On August 28th, at Gorse Hill Rising, Virginia Water, Alfred Robert Lee, D.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.C.S., beloved husband of Irene, deeply loved father of Rosemary and Jennifer, and dear grandfather of Christopher, Elizabeth, Tony, and William. Family flowers only, funeral private.

McCANDLISH.—On 26 Aug. at The White House, Buckland, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, suddenly, Maj.-Gen. John E. C. McCandlish, C.B., C.B.E. (R.E. Retd.). Private cremation at Oxford on Friday, Aug. 30, at 12.30 p.m. No flowers.

McVEAGH.—On August 26th, 1974, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Donald, dearly beloved husband of Vega and dearest father of Vega-Ling. Funeral service today at 3 p.m., Addington Church, Bucks.

MIDDLETON.—On August 26th, Mrs Peggy Arline Middleton, suddenly at her home, 19 Kidbrooke Park Road, London, S.E.3. Funeral private. Memorial meeting to be arranged later.

MITCHELL.—On Wednesday, 28th August, 1974, peacefully, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, after a long illness borne with great courage, Joan Ivy (McKim), aged 50 years, of Ensom, Surrey, dearly beloved wife of Peter and dearly loved mother of Mary and Sava. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Ewell, Surrey, at 2.45 p.m., followed by cremation in private at Leatherhead Crematorium on Tuesday, the 3rd September, 1974. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital for Cancer Research.

NEWTON.—On August 27th, John Frederick, dearly loved husband of Rosemary, of Bylaugh, Old Hall, East Dereham, Norfolk. Funeral private, please no letters.

OLLIVANT.—On August 28th, Katharine Frances, of Lyons Green Cottages, Plaistow, Sussex. Service and cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday, 3rd September at 3 p.m.

PICK.—On 28th August, 1974, Thomas Raymond Pick, beloved husband of Ena Pick and father of Josephine, Rosemary and Charles. Passed away at Peterborough Memorial Hospital. Funeral at Deeping St. Nicholas Church, on Saturday, 31st August, at 2.30 p.m.

POLHILL-DRABBLE.—On 24th August, Sybil Mary. Funeral service at Otford Parish Church on Wednesday, 4th September, at 11.30 a.m. Enquiries to T. A. Ellement and Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner. 01-866 0324.

POPE.—Very peacefully, on 23rd August, 1974, Ada Gladys, of The Grange, Oborne, Sherborne, Dorset, in her 93rd year. Widow of Charles Meredyth Pope and dear mother of Douglas and James. Funeral service at Oborne Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, followed by private cremation. Immediate family flowers only, please, but donations would be welcomed instead for Cancer Research Fund, c/o National Westminster Bank, Cheap Street, Sherborne, Dorset.

PYE.—On August 24th, 1974, at Little Manor Nursing Home, Salisbury, Dorothy Hilda, of 6 Alexander Terrace, Exmouth. Funeral private. No letters or flowers, please. Donations may be sent to R.U.K.B.A., 6 Avonmore Road, London W14 8RL.

RAFFERTY.—On August 27th, at her home, 70 Sandy Lane, Cheam, Surrey, Miriam Ruth Yate, aged 79, widow of James Pagan and dear mother of Pat and Ruth. Service at St. Andrews, Cheam, on Friday, 30th August, 1974, at 3.30 p.m.

RANNIE.—On August 28, John Alan Melville, of West Haves Lodge, Winchester. Cremation private. Family flowers only. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Church, Winchester, on Saturday, September 14th, at 11 a.m. Donations may be sent to the Alan Rannie Fund for Scouting or The Organists' Association Benevolent Fund, c/o John Steel & Son Ltd., 4 Chesil St., Winchester.

REAY.—On August 26th, peacefully, in hospital, Leslie Thomas Reay, D.O., M.R.O., M.P.S. Much loved father of Ann. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Monday, September 2nd, at 12.20.

ROWLEY.—On August 28th, 1974, peacefully at his home, Upper Woodhouse Farm, Billingshurst, Sussex, Arthur Edgar, aged 79 years. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Monday, September 2nd at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Freeman Brothers, Funeral Directors, Horsham.

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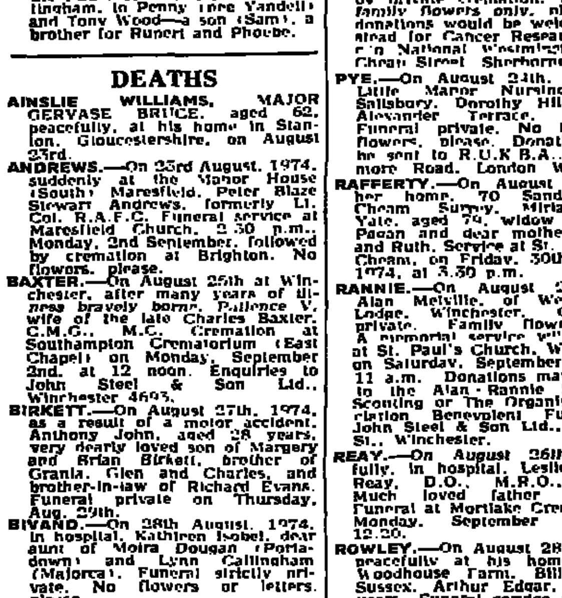

ACROSS

1 Venus's sunny crossing (7).
5 Looked for keys—about 23 (7).
9 Officer has former cinemas replaced (9).
10 Just the sort of joint to raise our spirits! (5).
11 Well-marked division of society? (5).
12 Life of insect form in river (9).
14 Living to eat? (5-3-6).
17 "Brand" has rather odd actress in it (5, 9).
21 Gives hints to cronies (9).
23 A knight has not a lot to fight with (5).
24 Many coming in dry demand hitter (5).
25 One of two dangers of cautious bids, possibly (9).
26 Letter Noel is concocting about piano (7).
27 Phoenician city, one taken by a Disraeli character (7).

DOWN

1 Did Tommy dig this poet? (6).
2 One using a cricket club makes charges (7).
3 Chess as an Englishman's diversion (9).
4 Lovely valley and desert containing men of this disposition (11).
5 Trap for a jolly party? (3).
6 Wide-awake dealer takes part (5).
7 Politicians take vehicle—number one coming up (7).
8 Fruit we'd raised by mistake inside (3-5).
13 Somebody's entered Eastern people as another lot (11).
15 Pure ingredients supplied by Alun Doyle (9).
16 Perhaps the centre might be dropped (8).
18 Sometimes many happy sources of profit (7).
19 Row about a French editor in New Zealand (7).
20 Praise for a trip in the country? (6).
22 Pattern of fashion many follow (5).
25 Preserve the US jail (3).

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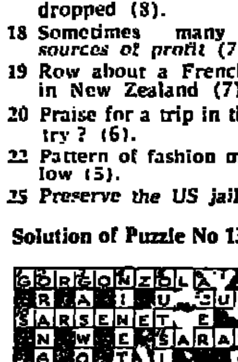

DEATHS

SHAW.—On August 11th, ex-Provost James Crawford Shaw, formerly of Woodlands, Dollar, husband of the late Winifred McNab, father of Doris Jones, Jim and David.

STONE.—On 27th August at the home of his niece, Mrs. J. Perry, Woodside House, Witton Park, Bishop Auckland, co. Durham, Lt Cdr. Albert William Stone, C.B.E., M.V.O., M.S.M., R.N. retired, aged 86 years. Former Chief Accountant and Assistant Secretary of H.M. Privy Purse and Sergeant-at-Arms to H.M. The Queen. Service, Durham Crematorium, 3.30 p.m., Friday, 30th August. Flowers, if desired, to M. Pattison & Co., Ltd., Elvet Waterside, Durham.

THORNTON-VARLEY.—On August 27, at her home, 141 Cardigan Road, Bridlington, in her 98th year, Louise Helen, only surviving sister of the late Arthur Thornton-Varley, J.P. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please.

URQUHART.—On August 19th, tragically drowned in Morocco, Mathew George Urquhart, aged 16 years.

WATKINS.—On August 28th, at home, 46 The Grove, Brookmans Park, nr. Hatfield, Herts., Denis Howard, aged 64. Husband of Kathleen, father of Susan and Peter. Funeral service Wednesday, 4th September, 10.30 a.m., St. Mary's Church, North Mymms, followed by private cremation. Cut flowers only, please, may be sent to C. A. Nethercott & Son Ltd., 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, by 9.15 a.m.

WATSON.—On 28th August, peacefully, after a short illness at home, Lt.-Col. Douglas Barker, much loved father of Peter and Ann and grandfather of Jeremy, Sallyann, Nicola, Jonathan, Justin and Robert. Private cremation at Mortlake, 30th August. Family flowers only and no letters please.

WIGG, GLADYS MARGARET ROSA, of West Kirby, beloved wife of Walter Wigg, suddenly on August 26th, after prolonged ill health. Funeral service 11 a.m., Friday, at St. Bridget's Parish Church, followed by interment at West Kirby Cemetery. Flowers to A. Marchbank Chapel of Rest, Hoylake.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

NORMAN.—A memorial service for Major-General Charles Wake Norman, late 9th Lancers, will be held at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, on Monday, 16th September, at 12.15 p.m. No mourning.

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